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Offer by Manchester Grammar

Schools seek return to state funding

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

MOVES to break down the divides between state and private education received a substantial boost last night with the disclosure that one of Britain's most famous and academically successful independent schools wants to return to funding by the taxpayer.

Manchester Grammar School, which left the state system when direct grant schools were abolished by the last Labour government in 1976, has given a clear indication that it wishes to throw open its doors again to all children, regardless of the background and means of their parents.

Its lead may be followed by other former direct grant schools which left the maintained sector when asked to make the choice between going independent or comprehensive.The school is making clear that it would still insist on pupils passing an entrance examination.

The decision follows a long campaign by George Walden, the Conservative MP for Buckingham and a former education minister, to encourage the the 120 former direct grant schools now in the private sector, to return to the state system.

He has proposed in letters both to John Major and Tony Blair that private day schools should be allowed to enter the state sector in return for throwing themselves open to all the talents by examination. The State would pick up much of the extra burden of financing the schools; but fees could still continue to be charged for those able to pay.

Fees for Manchester's 1,430 boys aged between 11 and 18 are £4,000 a year. The annual cost of education in the state sector is regularly put at £2,500 per pupil..Twenty-five per cent of Manchester's pupils go on to Oxford or Cambridge and 80 per cent achieve Grades A or B at A level.

In a letter to Mr Walden, Martin Stephen, High Master of Manchester Grammar, has said that his school "would support any move to research the possibility of our becoming once again a part of the maintained sector". He said that "the Manchester Grammar School believes that the education that it offers should be available to all children regardless of their parental background, and subject only to its pupils passing the entrance examiantion." He added that that a return to a form of the direct grant system would be a preferred choice.



Stephen: school should be open to all children

The letter was written with the backing of the school governors.

Last night Dr Stephen confirmed the school's interest in returning to the maintained sector. He told *The Times*: "We are bound to be interested in any scheme that makes the education on offer at Manchester available to every pupil regardless of their social or economic background. Any scheme which has that at its heart would interest us greatly."

The move will put both the Government and the Labour party on the spot. The Treasury would shy away from the costs involved and some Tories would be embarrassed by suggestions that such an eminent school wished to leave the private sector. Mr Blair is softening Labour's hostility to grant-maintained schools, the nearest modern equivalent to the direct grant schools. But the charging of fees and selection are anathema to mainstream Labour supporters who believe the purpose of state education should to improve opportunities for all children, regardless of their abilities and background.

Many right-wing Tories favour a voucher scheme for secondary schools, which would involve a state subsidy for the private sector as parents shopped around for an education that suited their priorities and means. Although Mr Walden is wary of vouchers, the ideas he is putting forward to end educational "apartheid" meet some of the objectives of their supporters.

Mr Major is understood to be attracted to the idea of introducing vouchers for nursery education, but two weeks ago he effectively ruled out a voucher scheme for children of school age. However, advocates of the scheme believe that if they can achieve vouchers for nursery schools they will better-placed to extend the idea throughout the system.

Mr Walden said he was greatly encouraged last night to hear of Manchester's decision. "The fact that this first-rate grammar school was forced into the private sector is a symbol of much that has gone wrong in the British education system over many years.

"The best schools in the country should be open to the best minds from whatever social background. I hope others will take note of Manchester's views. This could be an important way of bridging the great education and social divide that persists in this country."

Mr Walden told Mr Major earlier this year that he was "not starry-eyed" enough to think that Eton would ever join the queue, but if some schools moved, other former direct grant schools might follow.



Winnie Mandela: said to be stunned at her sacking, which had been widely predicted

President Mandela dismisses his wife from the Government

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

PRESIDENT MANDELA yesterday ended weeks of speculation about the political future of his estranged wife, Winnie. He dismissed her from the South African Government.

The announcement was made by a grim-faced Mr Mandela at Tuynhuis, his residence in Cape Town. Flanked by Thabo Mbeki, his First Deputy President, and reading from a short statement, he said: "As President of the Republic, head of the Government of National Unity and leader of the ANC, I have relieved Winnie Mandela of her position as Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology. The decision has been taken both in the interest of good government and to ensure the highest standards of discipline among leading officials in the Government."

Mr Mandela said the decision was taken after "much reflection", given "Comrade Winnie Mandela's central role in the struggle against apartheid, both in an individual capacity and as a leading member of the African National Congress". He said he hoped that the action would help her to review, and improve, her conduct.

Mrs Mandela has been replaced by Brigitte Mabandla, a leading human rights lawyer and member of the ANC's national executive. The decision was welcomed by ANC organisations and opposition parties.

There was no comment from Mrs Mandela, but she is expected to hold a press conference today. Alan Reynolds, her press secretary, said she was told of the decision in a letter delivered to her office while her husband was making the announcement. She was stunned when he telephoned to tell her of the decision, and felt the President should have told her face to face.

The end of Mrs Mandela's ministerial career had been widely predicted over the past two months after she openly defied the Government on several occasions. Mr Mandela would not say why she had been dismissed, only that he had to be sure the timing was correct. She will remain a member of parliament.

Mrs Mandela openly criticised the Government at a funeral last month, suggesting that the post-apartheid regime did more for white people than for blacks.

A short time later, senior members of the ANC Women's League resigned over Mrs Mandela's "undemocratic" behaviour but, rather than attending the meeting to discuss the crisis, she left for West Africa against the wishes of the President.



Mandela: announcing his decision yesterday

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Schumacher accused of tipping scales in his favour

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN SÃO PAULO

MICHAEL Schumacher, the Formula One motor racing world champion, was last night at the centre of a new controversy. Less than 24 hours after he was disqualified from the Brazilian Grand Prix here on Sunday evening, a fresh storm broke about the accuracy of the figure recorded as his official weight.

The sport was already reeling from the disqualifications of Schumacher and David Coulthard, the Scottish driver who finished second behind Schumacher in Sunday's race, because of fuel irregularities. Now it faces a fresh crisis with suggestions that Schumacher's weight and those of several other drivers may have been exaggerated in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage.

New rules mean that the combined weight of the car and driver must reach a minimum of 595 kgs (1,309 lbs). The car is automatically weighed alone after a race. If, however, the driver weighs considerably less than the figure listed at the weigh-in, his car would run below the legal limit thereby gaining an advantage by being lighter.

Eyebrows were raised when Schumacher, who prides himself on being ultra-fit, tipped the scales fully dressed at 77 kilograms (12st 2lbs) at the official weigh-in on the eve of the start of the new season last Thursday.

That represented an increase of eight kilos (1st 2lbs) on his weight at the beginning of the previous season. Schumacher explained the increase by saying he had increased his fitness work and turned some fat to muscle and he laughed off the weight rise. "I have been eating more chocolate and apple strudel," he said. "I had a big meal the night before the weigh-in and did not go to the toilet." In an unscheduled move, Schumacher was weighed again immediately after Sunday's race and found to weigh only 71.5 kilograms (11st 2lbs). Engineers from two separate teams estimated that a difference of 5.5 kilograms would have been worth an 0.2 second decrease in lap time on Sunday or a 14-second advantage over the course of the race.

Schumacher may have lost weight during the race which was run in humid and testing conditions, but he is famous for not perspiring and emerging from his car looking as



Schumacher: prides himself on being fit

though he has been for a Sunday stroll. FIA has not taken any action against Schumacher or his Benetton team over the discrepancy and emphasised yesterday that, the combined weights of the German, 26, and his Benetton-Renault car, had met the minimum weight requirements after Sunday's race.

Max Mosley, the FIA president, refused to comment on suggestions that a new weight list would be issued before the next race in Argentina in a fortnight, featuring Schumacher's revised weight.

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School shuns 'exclusive' tag

BY BEN PRESTON AND JOHN O'LEARY

MANCHESTER Grammar School is the flagship of a fleet of big northern city schools which take pride in offering high academic standards to rich and poor alike.

About a quarter of the school's 1,436 boys receive help with the £4,000 annual fees, and most of these benefit from the Government's assisted places scheme.

Manchester has been an academic powerhouse since it was founded by Hugh Oldham, the Bishop of Exeter, in 1515. Last summer it finished eighth in *The Times* A-level league table, with pupils gaining an average of two grade As and a B. Some 80 per cent of its GCSE entries were graded A.

The school's roll of honour reflects its pursuit of excellence across all fields, including Michael Atherton, England cricket captain; Ben Kingsley, the Oscar-winning actor; Lord Sieff, former chairman of Marks & Spencer; Howard Davies, director general of the Confederation of British Industry; Alan Garner, children's author; Lord Lever of Manchester, former Labour cabinet minister; and Robert Bolt the playwright.

Today the school remains anxious to avoid the social exclusiveness associated with leading public schools in the South, so Martin Stephen, who was appointed High Master last year, is particular-

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EU seeks to end British hallmark

BY MARIANNE DARCH AND JAMES LANDALE

THE end for 700 years of British hallmarking may be signalled this week when Earl Ferrers, Minister of Consumer Affairs, is expected to agree to a new European standard for the marking of precious metals.

The move, at a meeting in Brussels on Thursday, will be an unexpected U-turn by the Government, which has opposed fiercely plans to allow metal manufacturers to certify and mark their products without submitting them to an independent assay office.

The directive setting up the voluntary standard is intended to end confusion caused by each country having separate hallmarks to guarantee the quality of precious metals. Until now, the Government has joined the British Hallmarking Council and other consumer organisations in opposing self-certification strenuously. Trade Department officials said yesterday that ministers had worked "long and hard" to protect the standard, but refused to deny that the Government had changed its mind. "Obviously, with all Brussels meetings, you may have to compromise somewhere down the line, but it would not be a compromise without the fight carrying on," one official said.



Under threat: Londonand Edinburgh gold hallmarks

Robin Buchanan-Dunlop, chief executive of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, said without the British hallmark the consumer will no longer have an absolute guarantee of the high quality of the metal content of gold products. "This will mean an immediate dissolution of the guarantee which has become an accepted British way of life," he said.

The tradition of hallmarking began in 1300, when Edward I ordered the wardens of the Goldsmiths Company to brand gold products with his seal to guarantee standards. The King's mark, a leopard's head, is still used by London Assay Office. A lion hallmark was introduced to guarantee silver goods.

Sir Jerry Wiggin, MP for Weston-super-Mare, who promoted the Hallmarking Act 1973 which brought up to date several hundred years of legislation, said: "Having preserved the purity of our gold and silver over many centuries, it is a tragedy to see it swept away for no good reason except a desire to fall in line with the rest of Europe and their lamentably lower standards."

EU officials have argued that British hallmarks on precious metals are a barrier to free movement within the Single Market.

Summer Time brings snow

Two days into British Summer Time, much of the country was swept by sleet, hail and snow. The cold snap brought chill winds from the Arctic, causing hazardous driving in the North and Scotland.

London Weather Centre said the cold weather will clear in the next couple of days.

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New territory for Marks & Spencer

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

BEHAVIOURAL psychologists studying animals' conception of the world have argued that only humans are aware of what they are. The consciousness which dawns in the human infant that he or she is one example of a class of similar beings, never dawns (for example) in hamsters. Hamsters lack the conceptual apparatus to make sense of mirrors.

So, far from knowing that it is an exceptionally fat hamster, a hamster does not even acknowledge hamsterhood — let alone obesity — as a condition. Having failed to clear the "hamster, know thyself," hurdle, it cannot grasp the "hamster, improve thyself" imperative. This is one of the reasons for stunted moral growth in hamsters.

Watching Questions to the Heritage Secretary yesterday, I realised that MPs may be more like hamsters than they are like human beings. Let me explain . . .

Mr John Marshall (C, Hendon S) had put down a question about the importance of competitive sport. Fair enough. No athlete himself, the portly Marshall is still entitled to an opinion on how we might all be improved. You would expect him, though, to cover his own back. A self-deprecatory acknowledgement of his own failings would have done the trick. Imagine our hilarity, then, when Mr Marshall rose and, quivering with what we shall call indignation, barked at minister Iain Sproat: "Have you read the editorial in today's *Daily Telegraph* which says we are raising a generation of overweight kids because of their diet?" Sproat shared his dismay.

Sitting right behind Marshall (the backdrop in any TV frame) was Robert Key, once a minister with responsibility for sport. Mr Key, a capable, jolly man, must weigh all of 17 stone. His large, pink face was illuminated by a genial grin. Answering Marshall, Mr Sproat probably weighs in as the lightest of the trio: no more than a couple of stone overweight.

Get the picture? One plump Tory MP in the foreground, one massive Tory MP in the background, addressing one chubby Tory MP at the dispatch box, on what a disgrace it is that children are fat. There were shouts of "look behind you!"

But my purpose is not to mock, still less to allege hypocrisy. The hypocrite fears scrutiny but these men seemed oblivious to the fact that anything jarred. They stood there in all their fatness, condemning the fat. Such behaviour invites only one explanation: MPs, like hamsters, are intellectually unable to grasp that *they are themselves members of the species they judge*. In this they resemble journalists. I believe that an MP, so far as he conceives of himself as a metaphysical entity at all, supposes himself a pure, disembodied intelligence, shorn of those impedimenta like a body, a past, a present, a mistress, financial interests, etc, which encumber his constituents. He can pronounce on such things with no sense of shame, having recourse only to pure reason. As a theory, it would explain Back to Basics. Those who find the scene unbelievable will hardly credit what happened next.



John Marshall, left: quivered with indignation

Another chubby former Sports Minister, Richard Tracey, rose to commend to all citizens the qualities of "discipline, commitment, courage, winning modestly and losing gracefully".

From backbench Tories all around him — men and women who as a body today exemplify to an almost unparalleled degree a want of discipline, a failure of commitment, a lack of courage, an immodesty in victory, and a gracelessness in defeat — came a merry and unabashed "hear, hear".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Whitehall considers computer porn laws

Moves to tighten obscenity laws are being considered by the Government in response to reports of widespread computer pornography (James Landale writes).

A committee of senior civil servants from across Whitehall, who met for the first time yesterday, will look specifically at child pornography, which makes up the bulk of cases discovered on computer discs.

The initiative was disclosed in a letter from Downing Street to Mary Whitehouse, the veteran anti-pornography campaigner, who met John Major last year to push for tougher obscenity controls.

The Prime Minister had asked the Home Secretary to co-ordinate a government-wide review of what might be done. The Home Office has since reported back with a number of suggestions.

Ambulance crews reject pay rise

Ambulance workers joined nurses, midwives and other NHS staff in rejecting a 1 per cent national pay award. Leaders of the 25,000 ambulance workers gave their decision at a meeting with the Health Department. More than 800,000 NHS staff are due to stage demonstrations on Thursday in support of their claim for improved pay rises. The Government says the national award can be topped up by local agreements to 3 per cent.

The Royal College of Nursing is expected to end its 80-year-old no-strike policy next month, allowing limited industrial action that does not harm patients.

Maxwells date

The frequently delayed trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell, sons of the late Robert Maxwell, is to start on May 31, the Lord Chancellor's Department said yesterday. Kevin Maxwell faces ten charges alleging conspiracy to defraud involving a total of £300 million. Ian Maxwell faces three charges involving £71 million.

Noise controls

Holding rowdy parties at night could become a criminal offence if recommendations put forward in a government consultation paper yesterday are accepted. The paper also recommends that local authorities should be given powers to confiscate "noise-making" equipment and levy a charge for its return.

Death-row Briton

The Government refused yesterday to intervene in the case of Nicholas Ingram, a Briton expected to go to the electric chair in the American state of Georgia next week. Douglas Hogg, Foreign Office minister, said it would not be appropriate "to intervene at this stage". Ingram was convicted of murder in 1983.

Prison curb

Prison governors are to be given extra powers to punish inmates under a government drive to curb rising indiscipline. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will announce tomorrow that prisoners will have up to 42 days added to their existing jail term if they commit disciplinary offences. The present limit is 28 days.

Memorial coin

A £2 coin to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War was launched yesterday by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who gave a strong hint that he would favour its general introduction. The coin is legal tender but will probably be collected as a souvenir. Around the edge is inscribed: "1945 in peace goodwill 1995".

Clarke pressures Cabinet on sale of Nuclear Electric

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE is pressing John Major and Michael Heseltine to approve the sale of most of Britain's nuclear industry in a move that would give fresh impetus to the Government's privatisation programme.

The Prime Minister is expected to have to referee a dispute between the Treasury, which is now keen on the £2 billion sale, and the Cabinet's so-called "consolidators" and key elements in Mr Heseltine's Trade and Industry Department who believe that the Government would be rash to act in the run-up to a general election.

Mr Heseltine, who was thwarted in his attempt to sell the Royal Mail, is reported to be cautious about the idea of selling the country's most modern atomic energy plants. However, according to informed sources, the stronger objections are being raised by Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister. Mr Heseltine, according to sources pushing the sale, is thought to be "persuadable".

The Chancellor, who also backed the Royal Mail sale, is clearly attracted by the idea of putting Nuclear Electric at the top of the sell-off queue and raising funds that might be translated into tax cuts in time for the election.

The sale would not require legislation. Nuclear Electric was set up five years ago when the Government exempted the nuclear industry from its electricity privatisation programme at the last minute after it became clear that City investors were not prepared to cover the huge costs of decommissioning the older Magnox plants as they became obsolete.

The Treasury now appears happy with an arrangement under which the six remaining Magnox stations would be kept in state hands. The five advanced gas-cooled reactors and Sizewell B, a pressurised water reactor, would be sold and the eventual costs of decommissioning borne by the private sector.

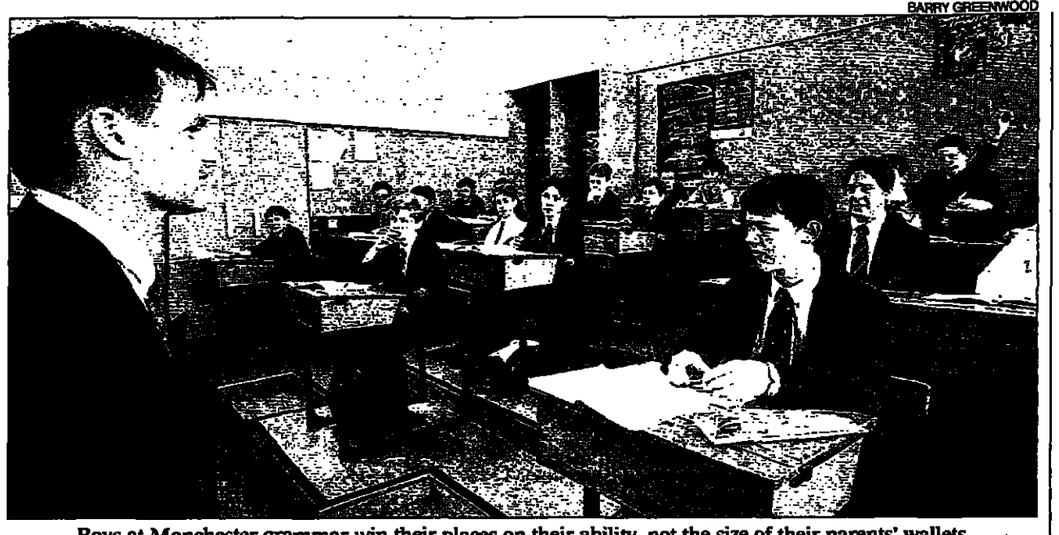
Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary, Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, and John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, are understood to be backing the sell-off.

But they will have to convince Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, Tony Newton, the Leader of the Commons, and other senior ministers that the move should be undertaken before an election. Although legislation is not required, ministers admit that the plan would have to be approved in a parliamentary debate that, in the present febrile state of the Conservative Party, could become yet another focus for backbench dissent.

The Government is expected to make a decision over the next few weeks and a report to Mr Major from the Trade and Industry Department is imminent. Ministers are saying that such a sale would answer the jibes that the Government's forthcoming programme lacks a radical edge.

Morgan Stanley, the merchant bankers advising Nuclear Electric, have concluded in a report sent to Mr Heseltine that private investors would be prepared to run the risks of taking it over.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Boys at Manchester grammar win their places on their ability, not the size of their parents' wallets

School shuns 'exclusive' tag

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ly concerned about Labour's commitment to abolish the assisted places scheme.

Manchester has been fully independent since the Labour Government abolished the direct grant scheme in 1976. Under that scheme, selective schools were required to offer at least a quarter of their places to children from state primaries, and when it was abolished Manchester approached the local education authority in the hope of maintaining a relationship with the state system. But Peter Mason, the High Master of the time, was rebuffed.

Eventually, Manchester, with 118 other grammars, chose to become fully independent rather than run the risk of being forced to become comprehensive under local authority control. It placed a surcharge on fees to extend the range of bursaries, however, and has long boasted that no boy is turned away for financial reasons.

Dick Davison, deputy director of the Independent Schools Information Service, said that many independent schools currently benefiting from assisted places were interested in a return to direct grant status. "There is a nostalgic hankering for the direct grant system because it gave schools a much closer link to the maintained sector," he said.

Dr Stephen was one of the leading supporters of a voucher plan to allow parents to use Government money to buy places at state or independent schools. The idea, under which the schools would guarantee discount places for pupils from low-income families, has been floated as an alternative to assisted places.

A return to the state sector under the conditions envisaged by Dr Stephen is seen by its supporters as more acceptable to Labour than a voucher system. But both would make heavy demands on the public purse. Fees are less than at many comparable independent schools, but exceed the average level of state school funding by more than £1,200 per pupil.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, has ruled out the use of vouchers to pay for education, but is studying a report by the management consultants Coopers and Lybrand which examines the feasibility of "learning credits" for post-16 education.

Shephard tells governors to sack bungling teachers

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

SCHOOL governors should act on inspectors' reports by sacking teachers identified as incompetent, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said yesterday.

Mrs Shephard, speaking at the launch of the new Teacher Training Agency's first corporate plan, demanded action to cut the number of poor lessons in state schools. For several years, inspectors have found more than a quarter to be unsatisfactory.

The agency is to focus on the £500 million spent on in-service training to try to improve the performance of existing classroom staff. Mrs Shephard said: "Now that governors are running tight ships and are accountable for their own spending, there is no room for incompetence."

Inspectors' reports had given governors the ammunition they needed to weed out those whose performance would warrant dismissal in other professions, Mrs Shephard said.

She added: "The measures that are being anticipated today are intended to help teachers, but when help fails, other measures have to be brought into play." The Education Secretary's tough line echoed demands by Tony Blair, the Labour leader, and Chris Woodhead, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, to sack incompetent teachers.



Shephard: tough line

She acknowledged that dismissal procedures could be lengthy, but argued that the information and the mechanisms were now in place for governors to act.

Geoffrey Parker, the former High Master of Manchester Grammar School who chairs the new agency, said that *heads should use appraisal to* identify teachers' weaknesses and arrange for remedial training. The agency was established last September to oversee the shift in emphasis in training from higher education to schools. Secondary schools have already begun to take a leading role and the system will be extended to primary schools next year.

Sinn Fein opens way for talks

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

GERRY ADAMS yesterday paved the way for the first formal meeting between Sinn Fein and a government minister in more than 20 years when he came close to accepting Britain's agenda for talks. In an important concession the Sinn Fein president told the *Irish Times* that his party would agree to treat the decommissioning of IRA arms and demilitarisation as separate issues.

Ministers have so far refused to meet Sinn Fein because the party had insisted on linking the decommissioning of IRA arms to "demilitarisation". The Northern Ireland Office has rejected this condition because demilitarisation includes disbanding the Royal Ulster Constabulary and sending all British troops back to the mainland.

Mr Adams told the *Irish Times* that while demilitarisation would have to be discussed. "Decommissioning can be taken as a separate issue if they [the British Government] wish."

Computer whizzkid wins multimillion games deal

A FORMER Timex worker who used his £3,000 redundancy money to set up a computer games business yesterday secured a multi-million-pound software deal that will create 42 jobs in Dundee (Edward Gorman writes).

David Jones, 29, who became a millionaire after his best-selling Lemmings game sold more than two million copies, is to produce four new computer games for IBM.

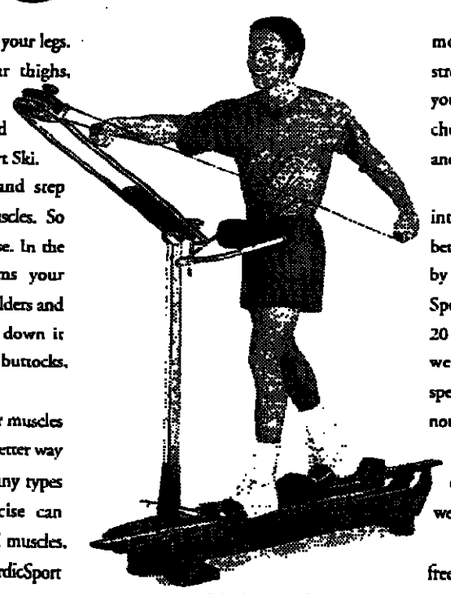
Mr Jones, a former electronics engineer with Timex, designed his first computer game in the bedroom of his parents' home and used his redundancy money to set up DMA, his wholly owned games company.

Yesterday he dismissed comparisons being made between himself and Bill Gates, the billionaire founder of Microsoft, but said he hoped that his company would become one of the biggest producers of computer games in the world.

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Joyriders kill daughter of Royal Navy commander

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A ROYAL Navy commander was on his way home from Antarctica last night after his 19-year-old daughter was killed when joyriders smashed into a car driven by her boyfriend.

The Ministry of Defence contacted Captain David Alan Phillips on the Arctic survey vessel *HMS Endurance* after his wife Susan had identified their daughter Nicolaat a hospital in Portsmouth. The navy immediately arranged to bring him home.

Captain Phillips has been in charge of *Endurance* for over a year. A ministry spokesman said last night: "It is a very tragic accident. We always try to help people home."

Miss Phillips was in a Ford Escort driven by Geraint Rowland when it was hit by a stolen Vauxhall Calibra on Southsea seafront on Sunday night.

Mr Rowland, 19, is being treated for serious injuries in the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Cosham. He suffered a fractured skull and severe facial injuries and broke both legs. His condition was described yesterday as satisfactory in the hospital's intensive care unit.

Both Miss Phillips, from Gosport, and Mr Rowland, from Southsea, were students at Portsmouth Highbury College.

Last night Hampshire detectives were interviewing four men in connection with the accident and the theft of three vehicles from a Portsmouth Vauxhall dealer. All four are from the Portsmouth area and are aged between 18 and 22.

Police said two Vauxhall Calibras and a van were taken from a bodyshop. The two Calibras, one black and one silver, were later seen in a car park near Clarence Pier where they were being driven erratically and raced. According to police, the black car left the car park and sped off at an estimated 80mph along Clarence Road and smashed headon into the Escort. One man was arrested at the scene and two were arrested later. The fourth man was arrested at a friend's house in the Portsmouth area yesterday and received hospital treatment before he could be taken into custody.

Detective Inspector Mick Fibbens of Southsea CID said: "We are still trying to piece together exactly what happened and we are anxious to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the accident."

Miss Phillips was described yesterday as a "lovely, gorgeous girl" by one of her neighbours. She was nearing the end of a two-year course in hotel and catering management and was due to take her final exams this summer.

Rod Haveland-Smith, a lecturer, said: "Nicola was a very bright student who was well liked by her fellow students and respected by the staff. We broke the sad news to the 75 students in her year this morning. Some were devastated and have been counselled by specialists and supported by staff."

Jeffrey Knott, her next-door neighbour, said: "She was a lovely, gorgeous girl. What a tragic loss. She was very outgoing, with a lovely personality." Miss Phillips had a younger sister and brother.

The family's solicitor, Ian Sandilands, issued a statement on behalf of her mother yesterday. He said: "The car in which she was a passenger was in collision with another vehicle which is believed to have been stolen. We understand that there is no criticism of any description of the manner in which the car in which Nicola was a passenger was being driven.

"We also understand that a criminal investigation into the circumstances of the incident is continuing and in view of this, we do not wish to indulge in any speculation which may affect the outcome of the investigation."

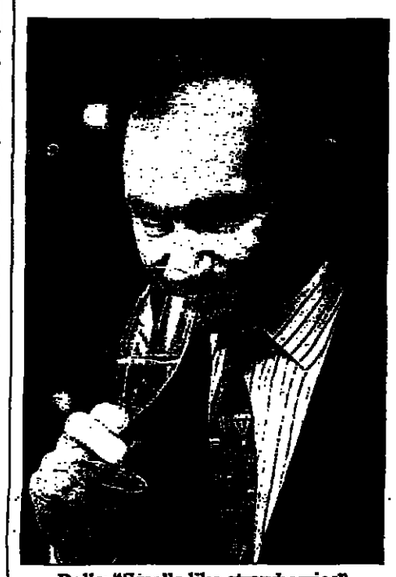
ALAN WELLER



City workers Audrey Coetzee, left, Sandra Canty, centre, and Sue Flynn sample the Prince's new drinks at a wine bar yesterday

Prince's soft drinks have sparkling future

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY



Balls: "Smells like strawberries"

THRUSTING his nose deep into a glass, one of Britain's leading wine buyers yesterday sampled the "adult" soft drinks being launched by the Prince of Wales.

"It smells like a bowl of strawberries," Richard Balls, managing director of Balls Brothers, said before tasting Duchy Originals herb and fruit blend Number One.

After a few sips of the pink, sparkling liquid, he said: "That has a good fruit flavour but it's nice and dry. The herbs help a lot. Most soft drinks are sweet. It's not a drink to have with a steak but I can imagine sitting in a bar drinking this in the sunshine. It's jolly good."

He then turned his expertise to its sister drink, Number Three. "Sort of butterscotch?" he suggested, nostrils poised over the pale amber beverage. "It doesn't smell like a fruit, it smells more like nettles." Again, he tasted. "I'm not so keen on this," he said. "It's sweeter and more chemically." He was though optimistic about both drinks' prospects. "People are demanding something with a good flavour that can be drunk in surroundings where people are generally drinking alcohol."

Mr Balls was one of the first people to try the two drinks from Duchy Originals, a company formed by the Prince in 1990 to develop farm products.

It has already created organic biscuits in oat and ginger flavours which are being sold on the Continent, in America and the Middle East. The Prince has directed that all "distributable profits" go to charity, but so far there have been none. "They are still at the stage of covering the set-up costs," a Duchy Originals spokesman said.

The new drinks are designed as non-alcoholic substitutes for red and white wine at dinner parties. Number One includes apple and raspberry juice and unusual plants such as white horehound. Number Three is made from apple and pear juice, fennel and other herbs. Both use rosemary, summer savory and Scottish spring water. There are no additives or preservatives.

The drinks are being marketed and bottled by Coca-Cola & Schweppes Beverages in East Kilbride. The 75cl bottles cost £2.89 at Selfridges in London, and other selected stockists.

In Gow's, a City wine bar, stockbrokers were pleasantly surprised by the flavour of Number One. "It's not too sweet and it's quite refreshing," said John Sellen, 44. His companion Colin Climie, 36, said: "It's all right, I would drink that."

Number Three was given a poor reception by City women. "It smells herby, like that horrible Aqua Libra," Sandra Canty, 40, a receptionist, said. "It tastes organic."

Sue Flynn, 40, a secretary, said: "It's very cloudy but it might be nice in the summer if it was served ever so cold."

Doctor's son fails to appear on assault charge

BY KATE ALDERSON

A WARRANT was issued yesterday for the arrest of a doctor's son who is accused of using bogus medical qualifications and treating patients at his father's surgery.

Bruce Moss, 26, failed to appear in court yesterday to answer charges of assaulting three women patients, causing them actual bodily harm, at his father's practice in Whitehaven, Cumbria, in July 1993.

It is alleged that while working in his father's surgery for a matter of weeks in July 1993 he injected the patients with vitamins, took blood and removed stitches. He is charged with forging a letter from a doctor at University College Hospital, London, and using it to try to get a job at the surgery.

The forged letter allegedly claimed that Mr Moss was a medical student of high enough standard to carry out certain procedures.

Mr Moss's father, Dr Brian Moss, 53, was accused of deception involving the forging of a National Health Service prescription form in July 1993.

He was alleged to have attempted to avoid liability by preparing a £4.25 prescription in somebody else's name to avoid payment to the health service.

Dr Moss pleaded guilty at Carlilse Crown Court but denied a more serious alternative charge of conspiracy to evade payment to the health service. His guilty plea was accepted by the prosecution.

After a five-minute hearing, the case against Dr Moss, a well-respected general practitioner who has worked in Whitehaven for more than 20 years, was adjourned for presentence reports. He will appear in court again on April 10.

Kevin O'Connor, solicitor for Bruce Moss, said after the hearing that he thought his client could be in Saudi Arabia.

Police began a search for Mr Moss, of St Bees, Cumbria, after Mr Justice McKinnon issued a warrant for his arrest.

Warden is forced out of church over affair

A CHURCHWARDEN has been forced to resign because of her affair with a member of the congregation nearly 20 years her junior.

Margaret Richards, 51, and Kevin Hughes, 32, are worshippers at All Saints Church in Fawley, near Southampton, where Mrs Richards is also a member of the choir.

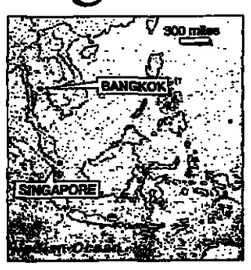
Mrs Richards, a widow, says that if she married Mr Hughes she would lose the £10,000-a-year pension provided by her late husband's company, Esso, but while they live together at her home she still gets the money. Under rules introduced by Esso recently, wives whose husbands died after July last year may remarry

She said: "My position came up for renewal and I chose not to stand. People told the rector they were unhappy. I understand and sympathise with that because I am too."

The rector, Gary Philbrick, said: "People have been very supportive of Margaret and Kevin but it is difficult to have people in irregular situations in leadership positions."

Prisoner on run linked to missing Canadians

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT



AN ESCAPED British prisoner held in Singapore over the murder of a South African tourist whose body was chopped up and thrown in the harbour is to be questioned about the disappearance of a Canadian woman and her son.

John Scripps, 35, vanished on home leave from The Mount prison at Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, in October. He was serving a 13-year sentence for heroin smuggling imposed in 1988 at Southwark Crown Court, south London.

Last week Scripps was charged with the murder of Gerald Lowe, 32, a chemical engineer from Johannesburg. Police are investigating possible links with the disappearance of Sheila Damude, 49, and her son Daren, 23, who vanished in Bangkok.

Scripps, who had taken the identity of a man he met while in prison, was arrested after flying into Singapore from Bangkok. He was carrying the Canadians' passports. Neither has reported their passport or credit cards missing, although they have been without them for at least eight days. A credit card company has contacted the Damude family in Canada after it discovered irregularities in the cards' use.

An officer from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Bangkok is working with the Foreign Affairs Division of the Thai police to try to trace the two, who vanished after checking out of a Bangkok hotel on March 15.

Bruce Levy, First Secretary and Consul at the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok, said yesterday: "We are extremely concerned for their safety in the light of what we have been told about the man who had their passports."

Mrs Damude was once campaign manager for Hugh Curtis, the former finance minister for British Columbia, and had become business manager for a Christian school near Victoria on Vancouver Island.

She had flown out to Bangkok to join her son, who was on a trip in the Far East, and planned to go to India with friends.

Scripps is being held in a psychiatric wing at Changi prison. He was seized in Singapore on March 19, seven days after parts of Mr Lowe's body began to surface. He was initially charged with obtaining goods on Mr Lowe's credit card.

Scripps has been travelling under the names of John Martin and Simon Davis. Yesterday British police questioned Simon Davis, 29, who met Scripps in prison several years ago and who believes that Scripps obtained details of his birth certificate to apply for a passport.

Mr Davis said that he believed that Scripps had escaped from prison once before. Last night the prison service denied Scripps had escaped previously. It said that he had been given home leave before and had always returned.

Churchill scolded 'impudent' Monty

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FIELD MARSHAL Montgomery was ticked off by Churchill for being "impudent" after speaking out about the importance of National Service, according to letters that are to be auctioned later this year.

Montgomery wrote a letter to an MP describing his alarm over the possible delay in pushing the National Service Bill through the Commons in 1947. He was worried about the dearth of troops after the rapid post-war demobilisation.

Writing to Sir John Anderson, a member of the War Cabinet, Montgomery said: "If the National Service Bill gets delayed or hung up, we are completely sunk. From my angle, as a soldier, I consider it vital to get the Bill through the house quickly and smoothly ... [and] without a lot of argument or trouble. We must be certain our defence service will stand firm and will not be subject to buffeting by political wrangles."

He added: "I do hope the Conservative Party will lend a hand and will not be too troublesome. I also hope they will not ask awkward questions about the Chiefs of Staff."

The letter was passed to Churchill, who reacted angrily to what he saw as Montgomery's interference in politics. Churchill, who admired Montgomery's aggressive and confident leadership during the war, wrote back scornfully to Sir John, later Lord Waverley: "I think he (Montgomery) would do better to keep clear of politics, of which he knows little. We do not require to be lectured by him, especially when so much of his recent conduct is unexplained."

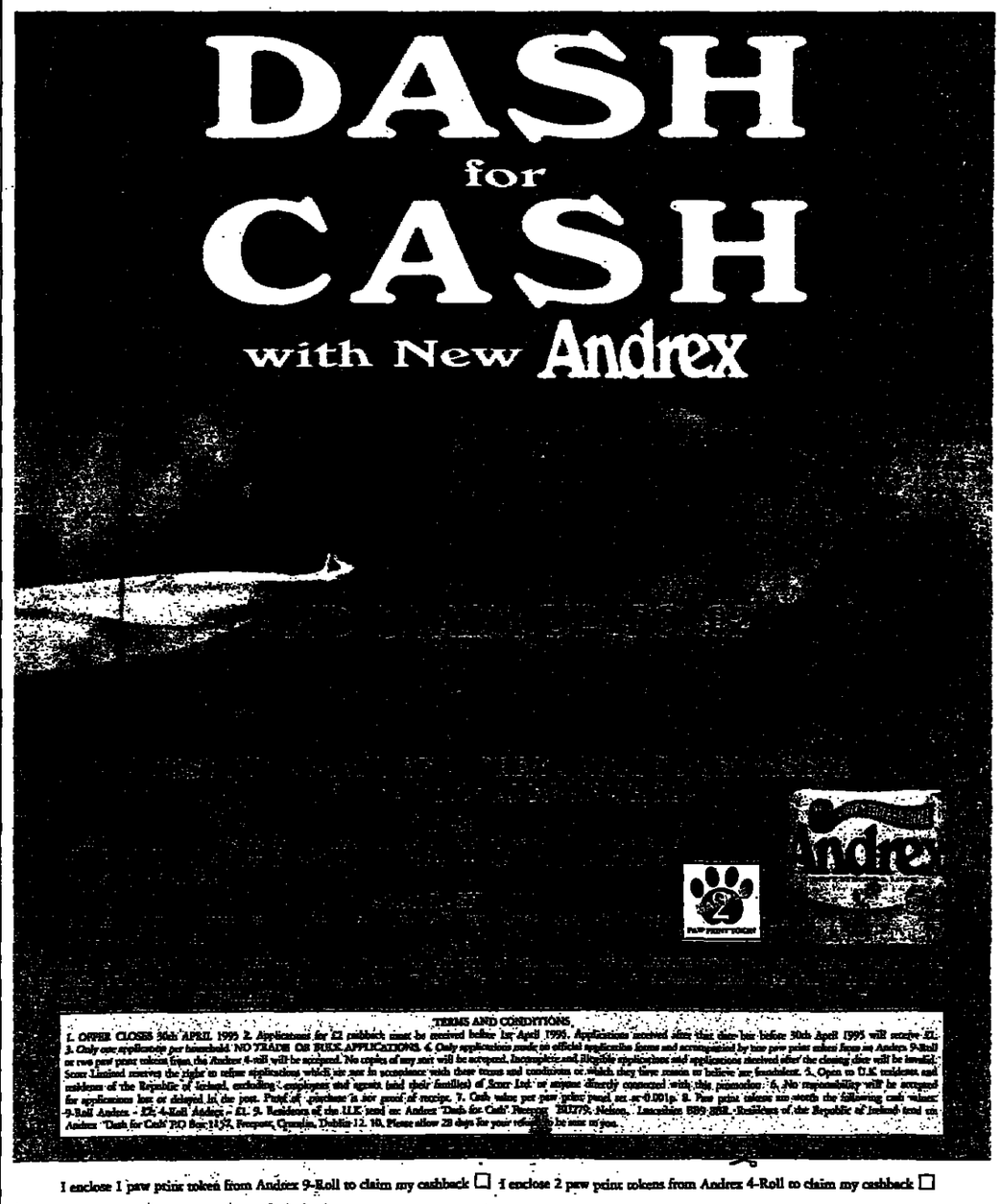
He added: "It really might be wise of you to hint to Montgomery that he had better mind his own business and leave politicians to mind theirs. Reading it again, I think his letter is most impudent."



Montgomery: spoke out

The angry letter, written by Churchill from Chartwell, his country home in Kent, is among several that are to be sold by Christie's on May 5. They are estimated at £1,500. The sale has been timed to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of VE Day.

☐ An Armstrong Siddeley car that the father of Mary Lane, of Biddenden, Kent, bought for £495 in 1935 and has been in her family ever since, was sold for £10,600 to Paul Marsden, 50, a farmer from Bromley, at an auction near Maidstone yesterday.



Institute of Physics congress

Cancer diagnosis by laser provides instant results

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW method of diagnosing cancer by shining light on to it has been developed by American scientists. The cancer torch is being presented at this week's congress of the Institute of Physics at Telford, Shropshire, by Dr Irving Biagio, of Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

"The big benefit is that it gives an immediate answer. You can avoid surgical procedures," he says. The device operates by passing laser light along optical fibres to the site of the suspected cancer. The tip of the fibre probe is pressed directly against the surface.

"Light enters the tissue and is scattered back out, in just the same way as you see when you put your finger over a small torch," Dr Biagio says. "A second fibre collects the light that comes back, comparing the spectrum of what went in with what came out. Malignant tissue very clearly affects the colour of the light." The optical fibre probe is slim enough to pass down an endoscope, the instrument used by doctors for diagnosis and keyhole surgery. So far, the optical biopsy system, as Dr Biagio calls it, has been used to detect bladder cancers with considerable success.

The scattered light shows distinct and consistent spectral differences when it is scattered by cancerous rather than normal tissue. In 73 cases, the system never failed to detect cancer when it was present — and in only one case did it suggest cancer was present in a patient who subsequently proved to be healthy.

Most of these cancers could have been detected by a urologist, but there were several ambiguous cases identified by the laser, where the cost, risk and discomfort of surgical biopsy could be avoided. Now experiments are being held to determine whether it will work with colon, stomach, cervical and eye cancers.

The applications could go much wider: tests have shown that the system can detect the first symptoms of damage to the eyes that may lead eventually to cataracts, and it is also being used to detect endometriosis, a condition of the lining of the womb that often goes undetected for years.

□ Many women with small breast cancers could be spared surgery if they are given chemotherapy before an operation, according to a trial of 212 patients published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. Dr Trevor Powles, head of the breast unit at the Royal Marsden NHS Trust, London, found that 13 per cent of treated patients needed a mastectomy, compared with 28 per cent of untreated patients.

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Quick fix quells snorer

SNORERS can now be cured with a hand-held laser (Nigel Hawkes writes). A doctor will tell the conference that over the past two years her hospital has treated nearly 40 snorers.

"The snoring symptom has been greatly reduced or eliminated in virtually all of them," says Dr Virendra Sharma of Royal Oldham Hospital. The carbon dioxide laser is used to remove a tiny amount of tissue from the soft palate in the roof of the mouth. Snoring is caused by the soft palate vibrating as the sleeper breathes. Removing tissue causes the palate to stiffen as it heals, reducing the risk of vibration.

The commonest operation to cure snoring, removing the tonsils and part of the soft palate, can have side-effects, including changing the patient's voice.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Dr Katie Perry completes a pyramid of pennies suspended in mid-air at the annual congress of the Institute of Physics in Telford. The mild steel core of post-1992 pennies enables two magnets to hold them in an elongated magnetic field, an experiment devised by Professor Robin Willson of Brunel University

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man has bombing sentence reduced

John Kinsella, the small-time crook convicted of hiding an IRA arms cache for the Warrington gasworks bombers, had his 20-year jail sentence cut to 16 years by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Kinsella, 50, had expected a bigger reduction and called the case "a mockery of British justice". His wife Audrey said that he had taken no part in the bombings and the IRA had stated in a letter that he was not one of its men. The couple hoped to have the conviction referred back to the appeal court.

Crime watch

The Government has allocated grants of £5 million for 100 schemes for closed circuit television cameras to protect town centres, car parks, railway stations and community centres around the country. Officials examined nearly 500 entrants for a competition launched last autumn.

MP's funeral

Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland Secretary, and Mo Mowlam, the Labour spokesman, joined friends, relatives and constituents at the funeral of Sir James Kilfedder at Bangor, Co Down. Sir James, the Ulster Popular Unionist MP for North Down, died last Tuesday aged 66.

Vanunu plea

The actress Susannah York and the playwright Harold Pinter joined a delegation presenting a petition at the Israeli Embassy in London demanding the release of Mordechai Vanunu, jailed in 1986 for spying. Israel fears he will disclose secrets about its nuclear weapons industry.

£1.6m award

A former ski instructor knocked off his bicycle by a car in Dorset in 1990 was awarded £1.6 million agreed damages against the driver in the High Court. Christophe Frappart, 29, of Canterbury, is almost completely paralysed and is dependent on his wife, Jane, and two full-time carers.

Rare breed

Staff at Cotswold Wildlife Park in Burford are hoping a pair of Amur leopards just arrived from Frankfurt Zoo will breed. The cats, a rare type native to east Siberia and North Korea, will be on view to visitors during six months in rabies quarantine at the park's leopard house.

Twin emergency

A woman in premature labour with twins was driven 84 miles from Bristol to Exeter in an ambulance because intensive care cots in six hospitals were fully booked. Her husband had to follow in his car. Eleven hours later, Karen Riordan, 31, gave birth to daughters Naomi and Lily.

Wartime echo

Four thousand people will be moved from their homes in Portland Bill, Dorset, this weekend while experts deal with a half-ton unexploded German bomb. Police are appealing for temporary accommodation for their pets. A further 4,000 people will be unable to leave their homes.

Lee takes up fight to save Cider with Rosie valley

BY IAN MURRAY

THE author Laurie Lee is leading a campaign to stop a housing development in the unspoilt Cotswold valley where he drank cider with Rosie.

The 80-year-old author and poet is recovering from *influenza but last night he* was determined to attend the first protest meeting about what he calls "this so-called development" in the Slad Valley. Four Oaks Developments wants to build 90 houses on the nine-acre site.

"This place has been green *and untouched since the days* of the Romans and I hoped it might outlast me," he said. "It would be stupid to destroy it."

Planners have not shown themselves to be moved by Laurie Lee's literary arguments against development. Six years ago he penned a few lines to save 12 trees from being cut down to make way for a supermarket on the outskirts of Stroud.

"I think that I shall never see, a Tesco lovely as a tree: And if we're forced to cut ours down, twill shame the gateway to our town."

The verse had no effect, however, and the superstore was built.



Lee: protest meeting

Non-stop radio switches off DJ

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A 60-STATION radio service, playing continuous music with no disc jockeys or news bulletins, is being launched in this country.

Using cable television technology, Music Choice Europe will deliver channels to the home specialising in everything from Hip Hop to jazz to gospel through to baroque and opera. There is also a calming "mellow mood" station and a children's channel.

Each station will play about 1,600 tracks: that compares with an average of 69 tracks on the Radio 1 daytime playlist each week and about 1,000 on Classic FM.

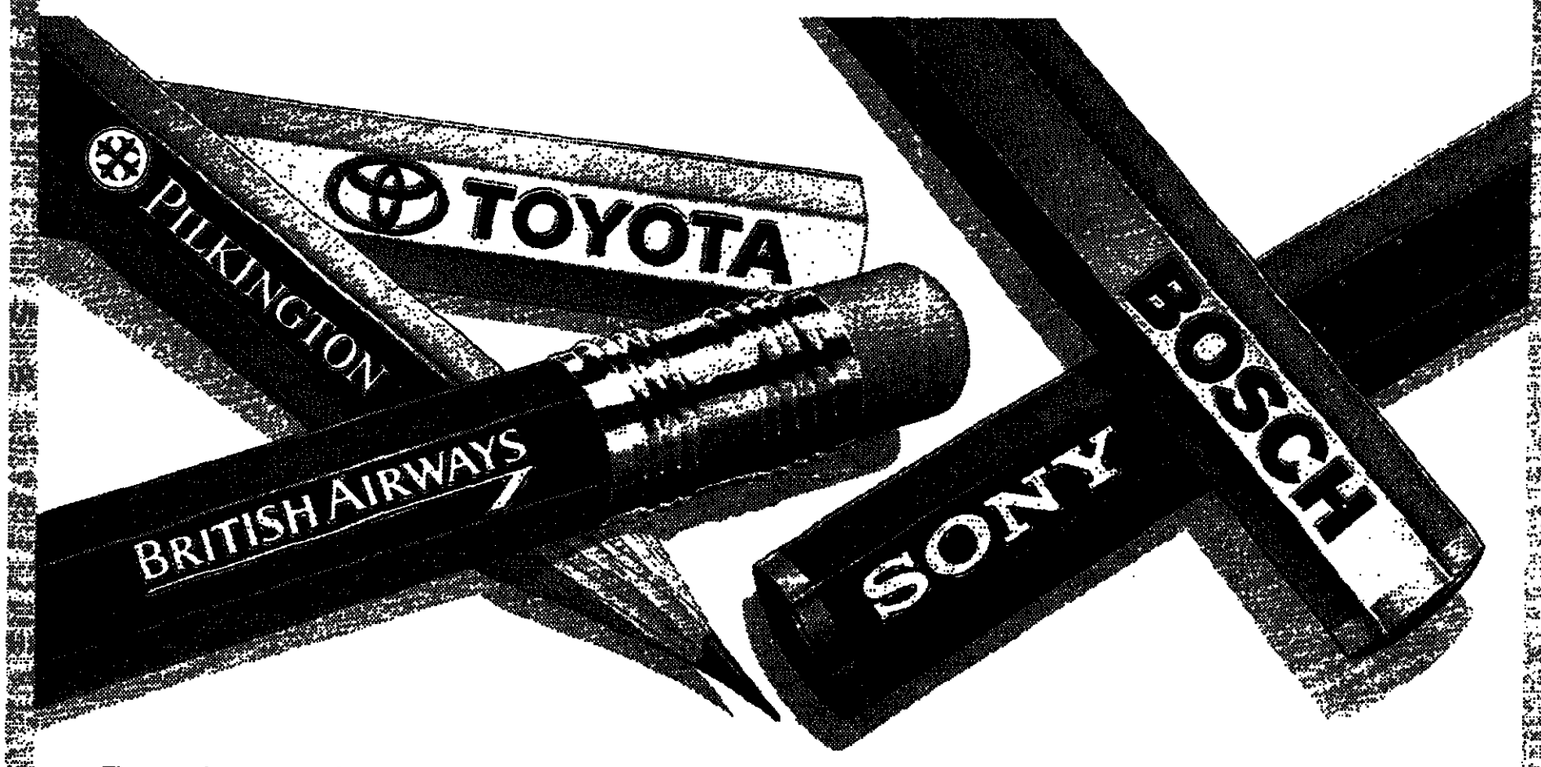
Stephan Heller, director of programming from MCE, said that the music for each channel was chosen by a team of 40 programmers and music consultants. Listeners can find the name of a piece of music, the artist and catalogue number by pressing a button on a hand-set, which will display the information on a screen.

Backed by a consortium led by Warner Music and Sony Software, MCE will deliver the channels by satellite to a central cable system within each cable franchise area, which then pipes the channels into homes. Listeners will need a decoder, which MCE provides as part of the £7.50 monthly subscription fee. The decoder is then plugged into any stereo system.

Stuart Graber, chief executive of MCE, said that his company had been trying out a 35-channel version of the system in 3,000 homes in Birmingham since January. All 85,000 homes in the franchise of the cable company Birmingham Cable will be able to receive it from next month.

The company is planning to extend the service, similar to ones already running on the Continent and in America, to four other British cities within three months. "We hope that eventually cable operators will offer MCE as part of their basic programming package," Mr Graber said.

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Society formed to fight for laity

Parish protesters threaten court action over bishop

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHURCH of England parishioners have set up a body to *fight for the rights of the laity*. The Parishioners' Society, which wants to make the Church more democratic and the clergy more accountable, is threatening to take the Bishop of Blackburn to court *after he intervened in parish* affairs.

The parishioners, from the church of St Laurence at Chorley, Lancashire, say the society has been set up "to protect the interests of lay members of the Church of England" and to press for reforms. They are protesting against clergy who believe they are "in some sense above the law".

Yesterday they said they *may take legal action in the* High Court against the Right Rev Alan Chesters, who overruled a decision by the parochial church council over when they should hold the annual meeting.

The society says it has been advised by a leading church lawyer that the bishop's action *falls outside his powers under* the Church Representation Rules, which dictate how parochial church councils are run.

The dispute follows conflict in Norfolk, where five parishes want to opt out of diocesan control in protest against action by the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev Peter Nott, who sacked their priest-in-charge, the Rev Kit Chalcraft, because he wanted to marry for a third time.

The parochial church council in Chorley voted to hold the meeting on Tuesday, April 25, at 7.45pm. *Other church members* petitioned the bishop to hold the meeting next Sunday, and he overruled the original decision. The Parishioners' Society is considering seeking an injunction to prevent the meeting on Sunday.



The Rev Kit Chalcraft

In a press statement yesterday the society, which intends to become a national organisation and is asking for a £5 subscription, said: "There have been numerous reported cases of disputes between members of the clergy and lay parishioners in recent months. It is believed there are many more which go unreported." *The society aims to offer* "advice and assistance" to churchgoers involved in a dispute with Church of England authorities.

"Inevitably some will seek to portray the Parishioners' Society as being anti-clergy or even anti-church," the statement says. "In fact, nothing could be further from the truth.

"There is, however, a small minority of clergy who seem to believe that they are in some sense above the law and that, if they want to pursue a particular course of action, *they are entitled to do so* regardless of others' rights and opinions. If parishioners object to this they are often dismissed as troublemakers and there is frequently nobody they can turn to for help. There is no independent procedure for dealing with complaints about the clergy."

A spokesman for Bishop Chesters insisted he had not acted undemocratically. The Rev Richard Steel, of the Blackburn diocese, said: "The bishop believes he is in fact supporting the democratic rights of the vast majority of the congregation of St Laurence's, Chorley. He received a petition signed by 160 members of the congregation supporting an early date for *the annual parochial church* meeting which the PCC refused, by means of a procedural motion, even to consider."

The rector of St Laurence, Dr John Fenwick, said that "given the threat of legal action, it would be inappropriate for me to comment".

HARRY HAMMOND



Russ Conway in his heyday, when tunes such as *Side Saddle* swept the nation

Trapped thumb may end career of Russ Conway

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

THE *pianist Russ Conway*, the immensely popular interpreter of catchy tunes in the Fifties and Sixties, is facing the end of his musical career after trapping a thumb in the door of his Rolls-Royce.

Mr Conway's left thumb was almost severed in the accident when the wind slammed shut his car's door on a shopping *trip in East*bourne last Friday.

The pianist, who won a silver disc for sales of 200,000 LP records and whose fame predated teenage adulation, lost part of a finger in a bread *slicer many years ago, and* had a five-year battle against cancer. He said: "It was horrific. I have never felt so much pain in all my life but all I could think of was my music. I thought: 'I'll never play again'." His hand required a five-hour operation at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, West Sussex.

Mr Conway, 69, said: "It was a touch-and-go operation." He has cancelled five shows and must wait until *May to find out if the operation* has been successful. "It's my fortieth year in showbusiness. I have had a good innings so if I can't play again that's that."

The Bristol-born pianist found stardom in the 1950s and 1960s with a string of his own compositions including, *Side Saddle, China Tea* and *Roulette. He sold 30 million* records and hosted his own television series.

Colleagues expressed sympathy over his latest affliction. The comedian Jimmy Cricket said: "Knowing Russ, *he will fight for a full recovery.*" The actor Melvyn Hayes, an old friend, said: "Russ is a magical pianist, part of our national heritage. All my generation grew up listening to him. I wish him well."

Mr Conway had the last word: "God works in mysterious ways and I'm wondering if this is his way of telling me to pack it in. Maybe I'll ring Dudley Moore to see if can *turn the pages for him at his* concerts."



Curry: died last year

Skater's family delays biography

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE publication of a controversial biography of John Curry was suspended yesterday. The ice skating champion died last year of an Aids-related illness after contracting HIV from a homosexual partner

Black Ice, the life and death of John Curry, was due out on Thursday but the family of the 1976 Olympic and world champion has challenged the book's account of his upbringing. The author, *Elva* Oglanby, also claims that Curry was involved in homosexual relationships, drugs and mind-control therapy and suffered from the eating disorder bulimia nervosa.

A spokesman for Victor Gollancz, part of the Cassell group, confirmed yesterday: "We have received a complaint about the book and we have delayed publication."

Michael Curry, the skater's brother, said the book "caused great hurt to my family". Andrew, John's other brother, and Rita, his mother, who nursed John in the last two years of his life, supported Michael's complaint after seeing a pre-publication copy.

Liz Knights, publishing director of Victor Gollancz, pointed out that some publicity statements used in the early stages of the book were distributed only to members of the publishing trade and had limited circulation.

CORRECTION

The inquest on PC Philip Olds, who died after being shot in 1980, returned an open verdict (report, March 21).

Film of 'aliens' offered to MoD

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

FILM that is claimed to show the bodies of alien beings who died when a "UFO" crashed in the New Mexico desert in 1947 is to be offered to the Ministry of Defence for analysis.

The 91-minute film, which purports to show a number of dead aliens with neither hair nor facial features and the wreckage of their craft, was allegedly shot by US government officials and kept under wraps for 47 years until an unauthorised copy emerged recently.

Philip Mantle, director of investigations of the British UFO Research Association, said yesterday: "I am sceptical by nature but potentially this is mind-boggling."

The claim is the latest twist in the story of the world's most celebrated UFO mystery which has sparked decades of speculation and conspiracy *theories. According to a re*port in *The Times*, the US Army announced on July 8, 1947, that an object resembling a "flying disk" had been found near Roswell and sent to the military research centre at Wright Field, Ohio. But last September the Roswell incident was officially identified in a US Air Force report as part of a secret American atomic spying programme.

Flying-saucer enthusiasts, reluctant to abandon their theories, denounced the Air Force report as a cover-up and *produced the film*.

The cameraman who leaked the black and white footage passed it to the British TV documentary filmmaker Ray Santilli. It will form the basis of a BBC TV documentary *due to be* screened in August and also shown to an international audience of UFO spotters during a two-day conference at Sheffield Hallam University on August 19-20.

U.S. ARMY TO EXAMINE A "FLYING DISK"

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
WASHINGTON, JULY 8

After an Army announcement from Roswell, New Mexico, that an object resembling a "flying disk" had been found there, the commander of the Eighth Air Force said here tonight that the object was being sent to the research centre at Wright Field, Ohio, for examination.

The Times report of the "flying disk" in 1947

Everything that flies is lighter than air.

Officers who suffered stress sue chief constable for lack of orders in emergency

Police tell of betrayal in Hillsborough disaster

BY PAUL WILKINSON

JUNIOR police officers felt abandoned and betrayed by their commanders during the Hillsborough soccer disaster, a court was told yesterday. They lacked orders in the early stages of an unexpected tragedy beyond their normal duties, the High Court in Sheffield heard.

One of the officers, PC Anthony Bevis, 47, said in a statement read to the court: "We were abandoned by the senior officers in an unknown situation. There was also the sheer number of the dead and injured that I was asked to deal with. I felt totally betrayed by the senior officers whose job it was to command."

Another officer, Inspector Henry White, 51, thought his radio had stopped working because he heard no orders and a constable told of making his own decision to clear the pitch.

Six South Yorkshire officers, five now retired on medical grounds, are suing their chief constable for the stress they say they suffered by witnessing the scenes at the Sheffield Wednesday ground in April 1989.

Ninety-six people died at the Liverpool v Nottingham Forest FA Cup semi-final. They were caught in a crowd surge at the Liverpool end of the ground as the match was about to start. Four hundred were injured, trapped between the crowd surging into the pens in the Leppings Lane terrace and barriers to prevent pitch invasions.



Mr White, left, leaving court with Mr Bairstow, who spoke of "anger towards my superiors"

A statement by Sergeant Janet Smith, 45, said she still had nightmares about the tragedy. She had to strip and identify victims at a hospital where a mortuary had been set up.

"My greatest anxiety was dealing with the relatives," she said. "I felt the South Yorkshire Police were lacking in care for the relatives and for the officers."

PC Mark Bairstow, 47, who said Hillsborough changed his character, added: "My immediate reaction was one of anger towards my superiors. No one appeared to be taking charge of the incident. That anger still exists. It appeared no one would make any sort of decision."

The case is believed to be the first claim against the police force by officers for mental stress caused by their duties. It may lead to other claims from members of the armed forces and the emergency services.

Ben Hytner, QC, for the six officers, said that the South Yorkshire force had breached its duty of care to officers by letting the situation happen. The force has already admitted that it was responsible for the disaster through a breakdown of crowd control.

The officers had suddenly been faced with a situation that was "truly gruesome". The faces of the crushed and suffocated victims pulled out of the pens were "purple and hideous to behold", Mr Hytner said.

Some officers had worked in a temporary mortuary in a gymnasium under a stand in the ground, where the scenes were "utterly horrible". On the pitch, where the dead, injured and unharmed had been passed from the terraces along a chain of officers, they had worked amid a milling and hysterical throng, often hostile towards the police. Many officers had suffered psychological injury in dealing with the victims, their friends and relatives, Mr Hytner said.

The Chief Constable, Richard Wells, had been in breach of a duty of care to the six as serving officers, as rescuers on the day and as participants in the disaster. "Some people in this case have failed to distinguish between a police officer doing his public duty and attending events that are dangerous and could lead to his own death, and with a chief constable who by negligence creates a situation where his men are going to be hurt," he said. The 52 officers who had laid claims had been reduced to 37, of which 14 had been accepted by South Yorkshire Police and its co-defendants, the Sheffield Wednesday club and the ground's engineers, Eastwood and Partners. The six cases before the court would determine the remaining 17.

Mr Hytner said that post-traumatic stress was not a new illness, but psychiatrists were now more skilful in ascertaining its effects, which could range from total disability to mild after-effects followed by complete recovery.

Inspector White said that he had been so distressed at the scenes that when he had tried to telephone his wife to tell her what was happening he could not remember his telephone number. The disaster had not effected him seriously until several days later, when he had broken down and cried in the office of a superior. He said that he felt angry "that our failure to control the situation had resulted in so many deaths".

PC Geoffrey Glave, 45, said he had been distressed by the number of young people among the victims. Detective Constable Ronald Hallam, 47, said: "I thought I would be able to cope with it. I couldn't, though."

All the officers except Sergeant Smith attended the opening of the hearing, which continues tomorrow and is expected to last at least three days. When the officers' statements of their experiences in the disaster were read to Mr Justice Waller, all but one left the courtroom.



Hillsborough, April 1989: dead and injured were passed along a chain of officers amid hysterical crowds

'What began as a lovely sunny day suddenly went black and full of death'



PC Glave: no one in control

CONSTABLE Geoffrey Glave, 45, was on a line intended to prevent a pitch invasion by Nottingham Forest supporters, many of whom later cheered each time a body was brought out of the Liverpool crowd. He helped St John Ambulance staff to treat the injured on the pitch but said: "It was only when I went into the gym, which had been turned into a temporary mortuary, that I realised how many people had died.

"It has made me irritable and unable to concentrate. I suffer severe depression. It was the enormity of the tragedy and that so many young people died. I have two children of my own and it could so easily have been them. What had started out as a lovely sunny day suddenly went black and full of death."

PC Anthony Bevis, 47, who had been on crowd control, went on to the pitch to help trapped fans and said he could see no senior officers on the ground. He spoke of hysterical people milling around among the corpses and officers working on the rescue.

He gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a young boy as his crying brother looked on but it was unsuccessful. A woman constable approached him from the crowd and told him she was frightened and upset because she realised they could do nothing.

At one point he suggested to his sergeant that they clear the pitch to improve conditions but eventually attempted it on his own initiative. Later he went into a room in the stand where he saw a deputy chief constable from the Merseyside force who asked who was in charge. No officer there could tell him.

Back on the pitch he saw a constable he knew walking towards him. "He had lost his tunic and his shirt was ripped. He was extremely distressed."

PC Bevis said he had dealt with many deaths in the course of his job. "The difference on this occasion was our lack of preparation for what we were about to face.

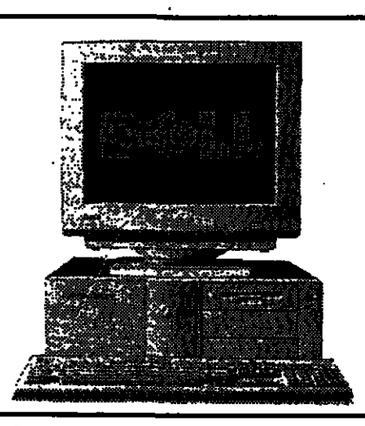
"I felt a total betrayal by the senior officers. I also felt guilty as to the fact that I should have been able to do more, particularly for the young man who begged me to save his brother."

Detective Constable Ronald Hallam, 47, had been on undercover duty looking for pickpockets behind the Leppings Lane terraces, but had been forced to abandon the job because of crowd pressure. He spoke of seeing a horse lifted off its feet in the surge. He went on to the pitch where a boy aged about 12 was brought to him. "He was dead but I tried to resuscitate him."

Later he went to the temporary mortuary and was told to lay out the bodies in rows of 12 for identification by friends or relatives. "They were bloated, purple. They were bleeding. They were grazed, dusty and dirty." He was asked by a colleague to look out for his son, who had been on the terrace, and examined every body, counting them as he did so. He counted 74. He said relatives were asked to identify victims from Polaroid pictures. "Some were stunned, some were screaming, unable to accept what had happened." He finished work at 3am the next day and was off sick for the next three days. "It was the enormity of the number of dead and the fact that so many were young people," he said.

Sergeant Janet Smith was sent directly to the mortuary at the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield to assist in identification of bodies. She was shown to a room where there were ten bodies, three on trolleys and the rest on the floor. She felt that South Yorkshire Police were lacking in concern for the relatives by asking them to identify victims from photographs. Sergeant Smith suffered insomnia, nightmares and could not concentrate. She retired from the police a year later.

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Briton lost in Sumatran jungle

BY JOHN YOUNG

A SEARCH was continuing for a young Briton missing in the Indonesian jungle last night after his companion was found suffering from exhaustion and hypothermia.

Darren Roper, 24, of Bognor Regis, West Sussex, and his friend Edward William, 21, of Launceston, Cornwall, set off nine days ago from a hostel in Bukittinggi, western Sumatra, to climb the nearby Mount Merapi. Yesterday Mr William was found by police searchers and taken to hospital but was not yet able to explain what had happened.

The Foreign Office said that Charles Gray, the British Consul-General, had flown to Bukittinggi from Jakarta on Sunday and members of his staff were helping in the search.

Sumatra is the second largest island in the Indonesian archipelago and the Bukit mountain range stretches for about 1,000 miles, rising from dense rainforest to a maximum height of 12,500ft. Mount Merapi, about 9,500ft, is popular with backpackers.

The Foreign Office said yesterday that the weather could be treacherous and the walk through the jungle very difficult. Police had described present conditions as slow-going and dangerous.

The pair had set off on March 19 and were sighted at the top of the mountain and again on their descent before they disappeared.

Bill Roper, 61, the father of the missing climber, said he did not expect to hear any more until the search resumed at daybreak local time, eight hours ahead of London. "He has been on a jungle training course. He is very level-headed and knows what he is doing," Mr Roper said.

His son had gone to Sumatra last year for about two months. On his return to England he had taken a job in a factory and saved his earnings before leaving again in February. He had travelled throughout Thailand before going to Sumatra.



Roper: was last seen descending mountain



Hotels complain at levy for music on bedroom TVs

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

HOTELS are being charged a copyright fee for music broadcast on televisions in guests' rooms.

The British Hospitality Association, a trade organisation representing hoteliers and caterers, says the Performing Rights Society is taking advantage of a grey area in the copyright laws.

Terry Rumsey, a hotel owner in Suffolk, pays £171.78p a year for background music in his main bar. The society charges him a further £25.77p for music broadcast in corridors and bedrooms, even though Mr Rumsey says no music is broadcast in the corridors at the 12-bedroom Bull Hotel at Barton Mills.

Mr Rumsey complained to the society and was told that he had to pay for all music broadcast, including signature tunes and advertising jingles on televisions in guests' bedrooms.

Mr Rumsey, 52, added: "The PRS is just grasping every penny it can. It is ludicrous to charge for music in guests' bedrooms." He only became aware that he was being charged for music on guests' televisions because his 1995 bill was itemised.

A spokeswoman for the society said: "We stick to the principle that hotels or pubs, including bedrooms, are public places used by the public. Therefore music played on bedroom televisions is a public performance for public entertainment."

She admitted that the society was taking advantage of a grey area in the 1988 Copyright Act, which does not define a public performance. "There is a grey area as to whether music in a hotel bedroom is public or not. The Act does not define what is a public performance. It just states anything outside the domestic circle."

The society licenses all broadcasts of music outside domestic use. It charges for music performed in a range of places including shopping malls, airports and shops. There are 40 different tariffs in the hotel and restaurant section based largely on the seating capacity of a bar or restaurant.

Many hotels and public houses with bedrooms have refused to pay the charge. A spokeswoman for the British Hospitality Association said it advised its members against paying.

"We do not recognise that music on a television in an hotel bedroom is a public performance. As far as we are concerned it is broadcast in private."

John Pyke, joint chief executive of the Association of Licensed Free Traders, said attempts to discuss copyright payments with the Performing Rights Society had been rebuffed.

Porn cinema arsonist is given life for fire deaths

DAVID LAUWARS, a tailor's assistant, was jailed for life by the Old Bailey yesterday for the manslaughter of 11 men who died after a fire at a porn cinema club. He was cleared of three representative murder charges.

Fifteen men were also injured in the blaze that swept the New City club in Smithfield, central London, in February last year. Lauwars, 35, a deaf man, who had a conviction for arson, was told by Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, that he should serve at least ten years.

Lauwers started the blaze after a violent row with the club's doorman over the entrance fee. He bought a can of petrol at a garage, went back, sprayed it over the entrance lobby and ignited it.

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Tom King touted as front-runner for Hanley's job

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ALICE THOMSON

THE former Defence Secretary Tom King emerged yesterday as an early front-runner to replace Jeremy Hanley as Conservative Party chairman.

Despite an attempt by party grandess to rally round the beleaguered Mr Hanley, most Tory MPs were convinced that he will go in a summer reshuffle. Mr Hanley kept a low profile yesterday after the disclosure by *The Times* that the Prime Minister has decided that he is not the man to front a general election campaign.

He steered clear of the local election news conference at Central Office yesterday, attending instead the meeting of Government business managers at 12 Downing Street. Mr Major was also otherwise engaged, missing the meeting to work on two big speeches he is to deliver this week.

Sir Norman Fowler, a former party chairman and no stranger to ghastly headlines, insisted that Mr Hanley was not to blame for the Tories' plight. The problem was not a lack of leadership from either Mr Hanley or Mr Major. "What is dragging us down is the internal division inside the Conservative Party," he said on BBC Radio. A small minority was "conspiring to do the utmost damage" and taking "pot shots" at the leadership.

Mr King, 61, who left the Government after the last election, was being widely touted as the kind of reliable figure the Tories need to weather the storms ahead and steer them through the perils of a general election campaign. MPs also felt that he would be better at dealing with the media than the accident-prone Mr Hanley, whose confidence has been shaken by the mauling he has received in his nine months in the job. As one MP put it yesterday, the party chairman needs to be an "articulate thug" and the amiable Mr Hanley had proved too nice for his own good.

Mr King is known to be bored with life as a backbencher and keen to return to the barricades. With the Government trailing Labour by more than 30 points in the polls and with Mr Major's future again in doubt, few Cabinet ministers appear to be queuing up to take over at Conservative Central Office.

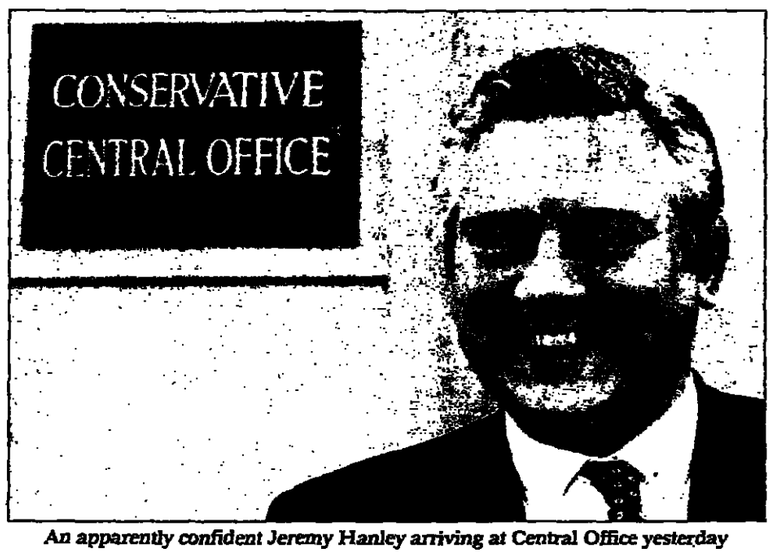
David Hunt, Gillian Shephard, Brian Mawhinney and Jonathan Aitken, after his Tebbit-like snarl at the BBC, are possible contenders. But Mrs Shephard, for one, is thought to be unwilling to move from her post at education. Mr Hunt, the Cabinet troubleshooter, almost certainly wants the job, but restive rightwingers are reluctant to entrust him with so much power and influence.

One way for Mr Major to resolve his dilemma would be to move Dr Mawhinney to Central Office, replacing him at transport with Stephen Dorrell and moving Mr Hanley into the vacancy created at national heritage. Many MPs think that such an arrangement would be better suited to the natural talents of this trio with Dr Mawhinney giving a sharper edge to Tory campaigning and Mr Hanley rediscovering his natural ebullience at the "ministry of fun".

Gerry Malone, the combative Health Minister, is also being mentioned as a possible replacement for Mr Hanley. Mr Malone spent two years as deputy chairman under Sir Norman and knows the ropes at Central Office. But after Mr Hanley, Mr Major might hesitate to pluck another relative unknown from the middle ranks of his Government.

Mr Hanley has been struggling not to make any more blunders since he launched the local elections campaign a couple of weeks ago and immediately tripped up by virtually accusing all Labour councils of being corrupt.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, chaired yesterday's news conference. He said Mr Hanley would not be made a scapegoat for the expected local election massacre. "He has been appointed to be chairman of the party for a long time and that is what he will be doing. Should we have a general election in the next two years I am sure he will be an extremely good chairman to lead us into that election."



An apparently confident Jeremy Hanley arriving at Central Office yesterday

Nine months on but still stumbling

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE "hopeless Hanley" tag has haunted the Tory party chairman since he took over the job in July last year.

Jeremy Hanley had only a few weeks to enjoy his meteoric rise from obscure junior minister to the top table before he was being labelled blunder-prone. Some of his colleagues were demanding a safer pair of hands even before the summer recess had ended.

His first mistakes could have been excused as teething problems. In August he revived the row over Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and his share dealings just when the Tories had hoped it would die down. He then escaped to Scotland where he got muddled over which parties wanted devolution and which wanted independence.

But after that nothing seemed to go right. In September he dismissed a crowd riot at a boxing match as an "exuberance" after John Major had given a speech denouncing yob culture. He later apologised for his "incompetence and over-hastiness" but in the same week he claimed that he had been given his job until the next election rather than acknowledging that it was in the gift of the Prime Minister. A day later he said that the recent interest-rate rise should not be repeated. The Chancellor has since raised interest rates twice.

By the time it came to a briefing before the party conference in October the chairman was so nervous he tripped up five times in 15 minutes. He said that the former Transport Secretary John MacGregor was unscrupulous rather than scrupulous for taking a City job and that Tony Blair was actually a "likeable and attractive" man.

A week later he sent a letter to Peter Cadbury begging for funds having failed to realise that he had just resigned from the party in disgust at its "incompetence". The next clanger came during the doomed Dudley by-election in December when Mr Hanley was reported as saying that talk of a Tory victory was merely "idle speculation".

He had a chance to redeem himself this month. But his decision to launch the local election campaign with allegations of corruption in Labour councils backfired.

Major's in a mess but there is no magical successor

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

John Major has a better case for *remaining* Tory leader than Margaret Thatcher had in 1990. He obviously faces an uphill battle to win the election. But no other potential leader has a much stronger chance of giving the Tories a fifth term. Stripped of the froth about stalking horses and the like, that remains the central question facing Tory MPs. It is not just whether the Tories are likely to lose under any leader, but how many sitting Tory MPs are likely to save their seats. There is all the difference for those affected between a defeat and a rout.

The parallels with autumn 1990 are intriguing. Then, Mrs Thatcher was only slightly more popular, or rather nearly as unpopular, as the Government as a whole, according to the MORI polls for *The Times*. Now, while Mr Major is even less popular than Lady Thatcher ever was, he is not nearly as unpopular as the Government is. Voters dislike the Government much more than Mr Major.

But the key difference is the existing leader's rating compared with alternatives. In 1990, it was a case of almost anyone but Mrs Thatcher. Alan Watkins records in his *A Conservative Coup* "the publication of six opinion polls in the Sunday papers of November 18 showing, with a striking measure of agreement, that the Conservatives would not only do better against Labour with Mr Heseltine rather than Mrs Thatcher as their leader: more, they would actually be ahead". The swing from Tory to Labour if Mr Heseltine took over was between 6 and 10 per cent, a huge change.

This was less to do with Mr Heseltine's attractions than with dislike of Mrs Thatcher. But when she withdrew and other candidates entered the race, Mr Heseltine fared less well. Each poll put the Tories level pegging or ahead of Labour if any of the second round candidates, Mr Heseltine, Mr Major and Douglas Hurd, took over — much better than if Mrs Thatcher had remained. But the gap between the three was small, between three and five points, and the Tories were projected as performing better under Mr Major than Mr Heseltine.

The Tories' problems derive from the unpopularity of the Government, and its divisions, rather than Mr Major personally. Recent MORI polls show that, whereas the Government's net approval rating, those satisfied less dissatisfied, has been around minus 70 points or more for several months, his personal rating has recently been around minus 45 to 50 points. Moreover, as the MORI poll in the *Sunday Times* showed, the Tories would only perform marginally better, just a couple of points up, if Mr Heseltine were leader rather than Mr Major. And the party's ratings would be slightly lower under Kenneth Clarke or Michael Portillo. A change from Major to Heseltine would produce a mere 2½-point swing from Labour to Tory, four to six times smaller than the swing in the Thatcher/Heseltine comparison in 1990.

These figures are inevitably hypothetical and tentative. But they suggest that Mr Heseltine is unlikely to produce a magical transformation in the Tories' prospects on his own if he replaced Mr Major. On any measure, the Tories are in a mess. If you compare their position now, nearly three years after the election, with the same stage of the last parliament, MORI polls show that the net approval rating of the Government is 30 points lower and of the Prime Minister 16 points lower than then, while the leader of the Opposition's rating is 38 points higher. The only comfort is that the public is slightly less pessimistic about the economic outlook now. No Tory MP should believe that a change of leader, with all the upheavals that involves, will make much difference to his or her chances of returning to the Commons after the election.

BY PETER RIDDELL

Civil servants fear neutrality at risk

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

CIVIL servants fear that the Government will try to use them for political purposes in the run-up to the next election.

They believe that a new Cabinet committee set up by John Major last week to "co-ordinate the presentation of government policy" is designed primarily to improve the Government's image and as such will compromise their neutrality.

Liz Symons, general secretary of the First Division Association of senior civil servants, will ask Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary and head of the Civil Service, to outline the committee's role and any precedent for it. "The line between explaining a government policy and defending it is a perilously easy one to cross," she said yesterday. "It is a grey area and one which becomes increasingly sensitive in the run-up to the general election."

David Hunt, the public services minister, responded yesterday to a complaint from Giles Radice, chairman of the Civil Service Select Committee, about the potential politicisation of Cabinet Office officials. Mr Hunt said: "Both the co-ordination and presentation of government policy are proper functions of government, with which the civil service has assisted under successive governments." The fulfilling of such a supportive role was consistent with Civil Service codes of practice.

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British defeat averted after attack on 'arrogant stance' of rich European nations

Portillo fights off EU plan to extend rights of migrants

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS AND CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the Employment Secretary, was yesterday spared the prospect of a humiliating defeat in Brussels after European Union social affairs ministers narrowly failed to reach a deal over a directive to improve the rights of workers posted abroad by their companies.

Mr Portillo vigorously opposed the directive, which would have required companies to apply local pay rates and social provisions for migrant workers, as an "arrogant" stance by rich EU countries which discriminated against the poorer members. Britain, which occupies eleventh place in the Union's economic league, is a net exporter of labour, and would have suffered some job losses, according to Mr Portillo. The French EU presidency had appeared confident that a deal could be reached after the Italians signalled readiness to compromise. But Italy yesterday refused to give in on the two key issues of dispute: whether the directive should apply from the first day of the posting, and whether individual countries should be given the right to impose tougher rules.

The French Government proposed what is known as the "zero option" for migrant workers, under which foreign companies must apply the host country's social and wage rules from the first day of the posting. The French, who already apply the zero option at home, stubbornly rejected a compromise for a short phase-in period. With Italy unrelenting in its opposition to the zero option, Britain, Ireland and Portugal together formed a blocking minority. Mr Portillo estimated that the number of British workers posted abroad was 200,000, although not all their jobs would have been at risk.

In Paris, right-wing politicians in France's presidential race yesterday moved to exploit widespread misgivings over the wisdom of open European frontiers, with some denouncing the Schengen pact as a surrender of national sovereignty. Jean-Marie Le Pen, of the far-right National Front, and Philippe de Villiers, the independent nationalist candidate, denounced it as an invitation to crime.

"This is an abandonment of sovereignty through submission to ideology," M Le Pen said. M de Villiers, a former leader of the anti-Maastricht movement, attacked the Schengen agreement as a scandal. "Since last night, trucks are leaving Amsterdam carrying cannabis in flower pots for delivery in Paris. Then they go to the Spanish frontier where they load up with heroin which they unload in Paris before leaving again for Amsterdam," he said.

The failure to pass the European directive yesterday means that Germany will not press on with its own domestic legislation to prevent foreign workers from undercutting Germany's high wages. The German law will also apply from day one of the posting. European ministers are due to tackle this directive again at their next session in June, after the French presidential elections.

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Padraig Flynn, left, the European Commissioner for Social Affairs, with Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, in Brussels yesterday

Foreign workers rush to take up cheap-rate jobs

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

ON A busy building site in Dortmund, the ethnic composition of the main work team resembles a United Nations monitoring agency: two Liverpudlians, an Irishman, five Russians, a brace of Macedonians and three Poles. They are on a rush job and so their wages are higher than usual, but their pay is well below the German rate.

Most British building workers in Germany have responded to advertisements placed in the tabloid press by Dutch companies. Pay — about £10 an hour during a ten-hour day — is cash in hand for the English. Each British worker needs an E101 certificate, which says he is self-employed and promises he will pay National Insurance contributions at home.

The British self-employed workers, concentrated in the Ruhr and Berlin, are better off than other foreigners on site. Contractors for most foreign labourers automatically deduct about 40 per cent of wages for tax and national insurance.

The legal status of British workers in Germany is, however, hazy. They can use German labour exchanges and claim social security benefits, but in practice, contractors exploit their linguistic incompetence and their inadequate grasp of local law. It is not uncommon for workers to be threatened with instant dismissal — forbidden under German law.

If British workers have an accident on site, they cannot claim compensation from the employer or receive free hospital treatment. British workers who break a leg end up telling doctors they were knocked down by a car.

Almost 500,000 foreigners are working illegally or semi-legally on German building sites, of whom about 40,000 are British. Norbert Blüm, the Labour Minister, wants to standardise the labour rules either with a European directive or by acting unilaterally. He says: "It is absolutely fundamental that we guarantee the same wages for the same work in the same place — the alternative is a return to the 19th century. We could just sit around and wait until we have a European policy, but I am paid to act." The chairman of the Craft Workers Association, Heribert Spaeth, and the president of the Construction Industry Federation, Christian Roth, urged the minister yesterday to take individual steps if necessary.

"Fair competition will only exist in the European building industry when the principle of equal pay for equal work is translated into European law," Herr Roth said.

A uniform ruling would lead to fewer jobs for the British in Germany but the worst hit are likely to be the Portuguese, who work for a fraction of the German wage.

The beneficiaries of a European Union directive would probably be the East Europeans. The Poles working on the Dortmund site have found a way to escape from the increasing number of police checks on the Ruhr. They register as shareholders or partners in a building firm and this allows them to work freely in Germany.

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Lutz Pollmann, the head of the Federation of Building Trades in the Ruhr, says: "The authorities cannot claim they are being exploited since they are technically exploiting themselves. Typically several hundred Poles come over for three months, work at half the hourly rate of the skilled German worker and put in 60 hours a week." If a directive came into force, such non-EU workers would be in far greater demand.



Blüm: wants workers' pay to be standardised

Lower pay fails to deter skilled labour

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE Government's guiding principle that people in Britain should price themselves into work, not out of it, shows no sign of scaring away foreign workers.

Although British labour costs are considerably lower than in high-cost economies such as Germany's, recent studies based on purchasing power indicate that workers on this side of the Channel are not as badly off as the earnings gap might suggest.

The latest Department of Employment figures show that 864,000 foreigners were employed in Britain last spring, making up more than 3 per cent of the overall labour force. Of the two million foreigners in the country, 44 per cent are in work.

Research on foreign workers in Britain is scant, but indicates that they are generally more skilled than the labour force as a whole.

A significant feature of immigrant labour in Britain is the high proportion of corporate transfers involving professional, managerial and highly-skilled technical staff. Deutsche Bank recently decided to concentrate its international investment banking in the City. Germany's big industrial companies have also invested heavily in production and service facilities in Britain. Such developments inevitably bring with them well-paid German staff.

A recent study by Dr John Salt of the Department of Geography at University College, London, found that foreigners are more likely than Britons to work in labour-intensive industries, such as hotels, restaurants, distribution and repairs. After the Second World War, immigrants from Commonwealth countries also filled jobs with a service bias from which Britons shied away.

The establishment of the European Single Market, intended to free the movement of people, goods and services among the 15 member states,

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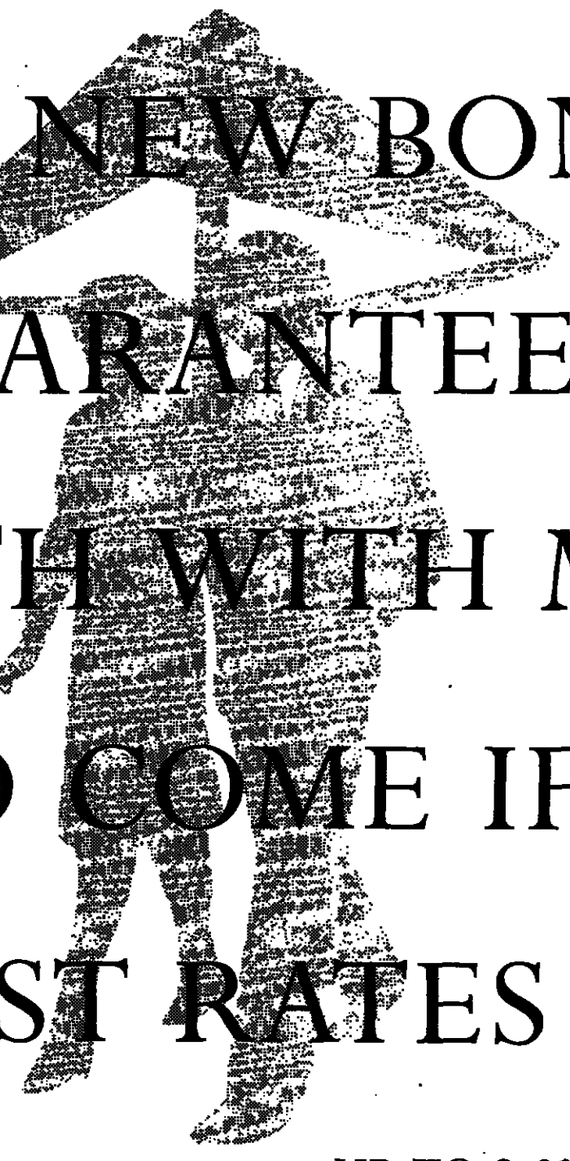
has yet to produce any surge of immmigration from Europe. There are 500,000 people from outside the European Union working in Britain — far more than those from EU states.

The Irish Republic, which has traditionally been the source of immigrant labour, still provides the biggest single contingent, with well over 200,000, although this appears to be declining. There are around 15,000 Germans working in Britain, with the focus on highly-skilled and non-manual jobs. This is considerably less than a decade ago and compares with an estimated 70,000 Britons employed in Germany.

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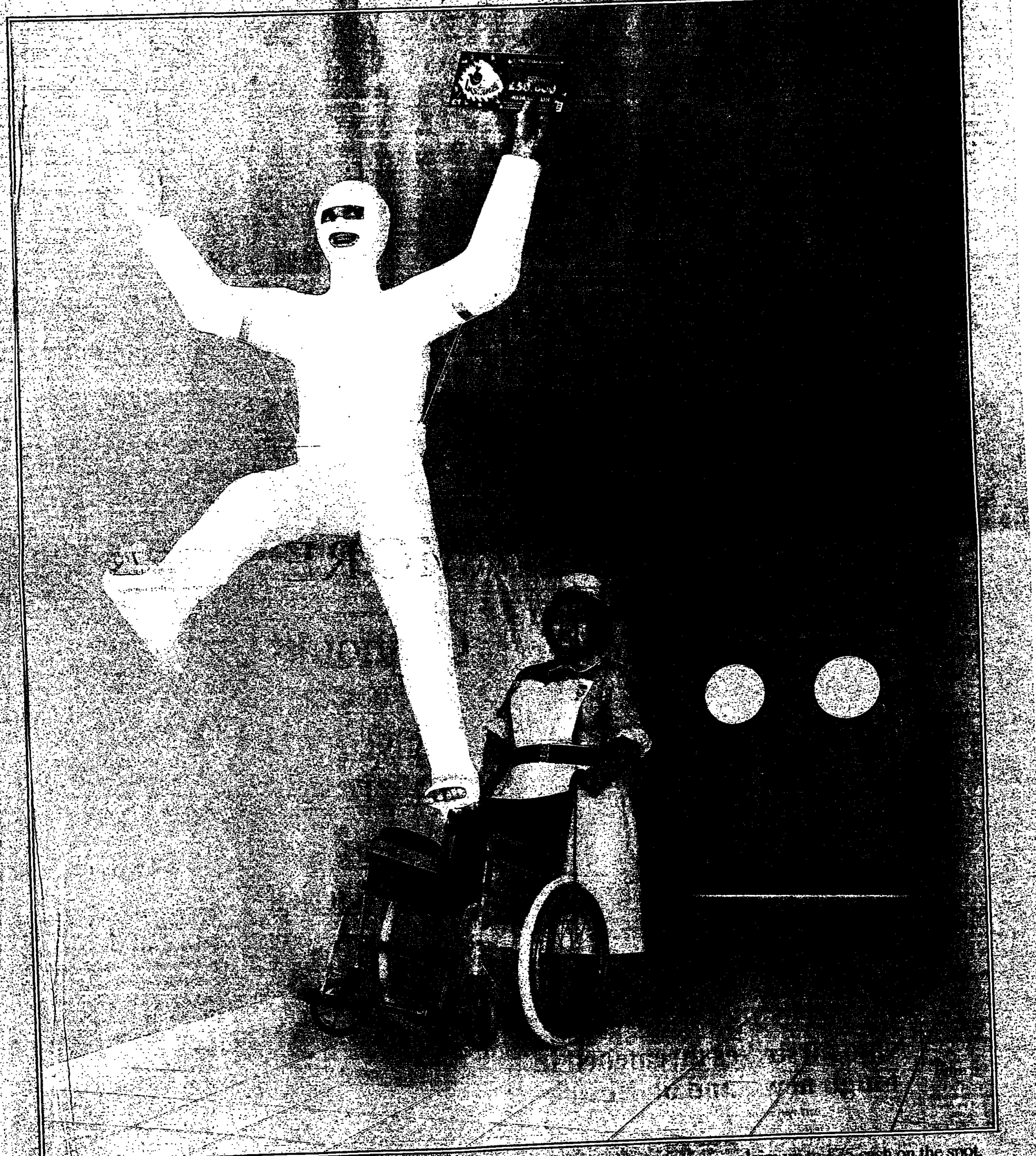
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Winnie Mandela faces new tribulations with dismissal from Government

Rise and fall of woman who ignored all advice

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

WINNIE MANDELA was warned by her father, when she told him in 1958 of her plans to marry a lawyer 16 years her elder, that she was marrying the struggle, not the man. However, she was in no mood then, as often since, to heed authority and advice.

Nelson Mandela was then 40. He had left his wife and three children and for 15 years had been immersed in liberation politics. She was a recently qualified social worker, employed at Baragwanath hospital in Soweto. Within three months of their marriage she was arrested for her role in an anti-pass law campaign.

Her Xhosa name, Nomzamo, means "she who will go through trials". In the years that followed Mr Mandela's sentence of life imprisonment in 1963 for sabotage and plotting to overthrow the apartheid Government, her trials and the manner in which she handled them became legendary. By the time that she was banished from Soweto in 1976, at the time of the students' uprising that left more than 600 people dead, her acclamation as "mother of the nation" seemed justified. She was under banning orders, but she treated these orders with contempt, and time and again was hauled into court charged with contraventions.

Policemen made careers out of keeping watch on her, interfering with her mail, raiding her home, harassing her employers and obstructing her six-monthly visits to her husband on Robben Island. She is reputed to have seriously injured a policeman who burst into her bedroom while she was dressing. Often she was alone, having sent her daughters, Zenani and Zinzi, to boarding school in Swaziland.

From May 1969, she was held in solitary confinement for 17 months, charged under the Terrorism Act with being a communist, and on acquittal she was served with a new banning order that included house arrest. In 1974 she spent another six months in jail for breaking the order.

When it expired in 1975 she became politically active again, helping to form the Black Women's Federation which became the Black Parents' Association during the 1976 uprising. The association was intended to assist victims of police action with legal and medical help and helped to arrange activists' funerals.

Early in 1977, Mrs Mandela was banished to the remote township of Phatakahle outside Brandfort, in the Orange Free State. She returned to Soweto in 1985, again in open defiance of the authorities, but many consider it was these nine years of exile that drastically changed her.

She became the focus of mass adulation and, judging from her lifestyle, lots of money. A £125,000 mansion was built in Soweto and she surrounded herself with a bodyguard of young thugs known as the Mandela United Football Club, although they never played a match. Their activities brought her into conflict with the United Democratic Front, then the internal arm of the still-outlawed African National Congress, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

In 1989 she was excommunicated from "the liberation struggle". She came out openly in favour of the dreadful "necklacing" of supposed collaborators, declaring at an anti-government rally: "With our boxes of matches and our necklaces we shall liberate this country."

In 1990, after Mr Mandela's release, he refused to move into the Soweto mansion. The following year she went on trial, accused of kidnap and involvement in assault over the 1988 abduction by members of her bodyguard of four youths. One was "Stompie" Moeketsi Seipei, who was murdered. Mrs Mandela was sentenced to six years in prison, later reduced to a fine.

In April 1992, Mr Mandela announced their separation "for personal reasons". He was, as he remains, married to the struggle, and her appointment as a deputy minister in the Government of National Unity was only another manifestation of his attempts to solve personal problems through political solutions.

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Winnie Mandela leads the Mandela United Football Club at the funeral of Frank Makwe, one of its members, in February 1989. The team, which never played a match, acted as her bodyguards and brought her into dispute with mainstream anti-apartheid activists



Nelson and Winnie Mandela on their wedding day in May 1958, and "Stompie" Seipei, who was murdered by members of the Mandela football team in 1988

Sacking unlikely to force ANC split

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

DESPITE the fears of some members of the African National Congress that the populist Winnie Mandela might try to split the party, analysts said yesterday that she was unlikely to try to strike out politically on her own.

David Welsh, a political scientist at the University of Cape Town, said: "I can't say it's not going to cause a ripple. But given that Nelson Mandela is putting his prestige on the line, I doubt she's going to be in a position to threaten the ANC mainstream."

Eugene Nyati, a political scientist, pointed out that President Mandela had not tried to remove his estranged wife from her post as president of the ANC Women's League. "The President ... did not want to alienate her ... I somehow suspect her reaction will be measured," he said.

Harry Gwala, the ANC's senior KwaZulu/Natal regional official and one of Mrs Mandela's radical allies in the ANC, said that her dismissal was "very unfortunate". She gained the fifth highest number of votes at an ANC national congress election last December. The party is now campaigning for local government elections to be held throughout the country on November 1.

Amnesty plea for Brazil's children

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

FOR most citizens of Suzano, an industrial town outside São Paolo, the sound of gunshots is not unusual. Violence is rife in the area and even the murder of three teenage boys by a "death squad" recently was seen as part of daily life.

Five "street children" had been talking on a street corner outside a disused warehouse shortly after midnight when six men, claiming to be policemen, approached them pointing their revolvers. When the boys started running the gunmen fired, killing one instantly before catching two others and shooting them. The remaining two, aged 13 and 15, escaped.

This is just one of the 600 cases of human rights violations that Pierre Sané, the secretary-general of Amnesty International, will raise when he meets President Cardoso in Brasilia today.

The Government has promised reforms and is keen to change Brazil's image. He will be under increasing pressure to tackle widespread violence against "street children" and other abuses allegedly committed by members of the military police in slum areas.

Official figures show that at least 7,500 people were shot dead in the streets of São Paolo, Recife and Rio in the past year. At least 600 were street children. The meeting with Mr Sané will also highlight the need to bring the killers to justice. Only two of the six men named by the surviving children in Suzino have been arrested.

They belong to one of many "death squads" or *justiceiros*, made up mainly of off-duty policemen or former officers working as hired killers for businessmen who feel that the sight of poor children and petty thieves is not good for trade.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baseball strikers join talks

Washington: Desperate efforts were launched yesterday to end the eight-month-old baseball strike and save the 1995 season due to begin on Sunday (Martin Fletcher writes).

The National Labour Relations Board began seeking an injunction that would force baseball club owners to restore certain conditions of employment the striking players previously enjoyed, and in New York last night owners' and players' representatives resumed negotiations for the first time in 23 days.

Rwanda aid

Britain is to give a further £8.8 million in aid to Rwanda, Baroness Chalker, the Minister for Overseas Development, said in Geneva after UN talks, bringing the total to £89 million since last April.

Five beheaded

Dubai: Saudi Arabia has beheaded five people, one of them a woman who ran a brothel. The men were a Saudi murderer, two Pakistanis and an Afghan, the Interior Ministry said. *(Reuter)*

Bolshoi turmoil

Moscow: The troubles of Russia's Bolshoi Theatre continued as the head of its opera company and its chief designer both resigned. They were allies of Yuri Grigorovich, the former artistic director.

Director shot

Tunis: Suspected Muslim rebels shot dead the director-general of Algeria's leading government-controlled newspaper *El Moudjahid* as he headed for work in the capital, Algiers. *(Reuter)*

Filling a need

Melbourne: A telephone counselling service to help dentists to cope with increased stress from money worries and nervous patients has been set up in the Australian state of Victoria. *(Reuter)*

Cool welcome for Yeltsin on early campaign tour

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN RYAZAN

PRESIDENT YELTSIN arrived in Ryazan, south of Moscow, yesterday on a working holiday intended to bolster his flagging popularity and lay the groundwork for his re-election campaign.

In his most public appearance since he ordered the unpopular war in Chechenia nearly four months ago, the Russian leader met local dignitaries, workers and professionals in a clear attempt to repair his dented image.

The city of half a million people laid on a communist-era welcome for him, cleaning up the streets, painting fences and buildings and sprucing up Ryazan's tired appearance. However, there appeared little enthusiasm for Mr Yeltsin whose credibility here is in tatters. While insisting that he had not yet put himself forward as a candidate for next year's presidential election, the first stop of his train trip across southern Russia has left little doubt among his closest aides that his re-election campaign has begun.

Last Friday the Duma, the Lower House of parliament, passed a new election law for the polls next June, and other candidates, including Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, have announced their intentions to run.

The task Mr Yeltsin set himself, however, may prove too great as Russia's political turmoil, economic problems and the aftermath of the war in the Caucasus have eroded his support to dangerous levels. An opinion poll released on Sunday by the respected current affairs programme *Itogi* showed that 78 per cent of Russians distrust the President and that only 6 per cent have faith in his leadership. The scale of his unpopularity was evident yesterday. Behind the motorcades and official greetings, the President's visit went unnoticed by the majority of citizens.

The Russian leader, at times looking unsteady, told reporters that he was determined to solve Russia's two biggest problems, the rampant rise of organised crime and the flagging economy. However, in the last election, Ryazan voted heavily in favour of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader.

Serzhen Yurt: Russian aircraft bombed buildings packed with refugees from Chechenia in this Russian village yesterday, killing several people, witnesses said. Four planes attacked a former holiday camp on the outskirts, destroying a number of small houses. The refugees included many children. *(AFP)*

☐ **Poll victories:** The vast majority of Moldavia's breakaway Dnestr region wants Russia's 14th Army to stay in the area, according to results of a referendum announced yesterday by the election commission. The poll was regarded as illegal by Moldavia. Voters in Uzbekistan have unanimously supported President Karimov extending his leadership until 2000, according to state radio. It said that virtually all the republic's 11 million voters had taken part in the referendum. *(Reuter)*

Nato airstrikes threatened in tough new stand on Bosnia

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE five-nation Contact Group issued a warning yesterday that the situation in Bosnia is deteriorating and called on the three warring factions to respect and extend the present ceasefire.

The group, meeting in London, also dashed any Serb hopes that the five powers — America, Russia, Britain, France and Germany — would modify their peace plans, insisting that all negotiations had to be on the basis of the two plans now on the table.

The six-hour meeting came as the United Nations announced in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, that it was ready to ask for Nato airstrikes against Bosnian Serb artillery targeting civilians in UN "safe areas". A spokesman for Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the UN commander, said attacks from outside a safe area would meet a "resolute response", including airstrikes. His statement signalled a much tougher stance by the UN. A spokesman said it had been co-ordinated with Nato countries, including those contributing peacekeeping troops.

The Contact Group reaffirmed its own cohesion and solidarity, rejecting rumours of splits and suggestions that Russia would propose a new plan more favourable to the Serbs. With increasingly gloomy prospects for a continuation of the ceasefire, the group insisted it would proceed with negotiations with all parties to achieve acceptance of its peace plan.

All the senior officials at the meeting expressed deep concern at the ceasefire violations and the recent Bosnian government offensive. Their meeting, said to be "constructive and sober", came as more and more allied governments seriously consider the withdrawal of their peacekeeping forces from Bosnia should the ceasefire break down or not be renewed next month.

Lord Owen, the European Union's peace negotiator in former Yugoslavia, said earlier that unless peace talks began soon, another bitter war could break out which the United Nations would be powerless to restrain.

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Former head of Gucci dynasty is shot dead in Milan

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MAURIZIO GUCCI, the former chairman of the Gucci luxury leather goods and fashion dynasty, was shot dead outside his office in Milan yesterday.

Police said that a well-dressed man in his thirties shot the 46-year-old millionaire with a pistol fitted with a silencer at about 9am. The man fired two shots from behind, hitting Signor Gucci in the shoulder and buttocks. When his victim turned round, the gunman shot him twice in the face. A guard at the building, on Via Palestro in central Milan, was hit in the shoulder but was not seriously injured. The killer escaped in a waiting car driven by an accomplice.

Police said they now believe the killing, originally thought to be the work of a professional hit man, was carried out by an amateur because the first two shots were not fatal. They said that the motive was not immediately clear, adding that employees of Signor Gucci's firm knew of no threats or extortion attempts against their boss.

Maurizio Gucci was the last grandson of the firm's founder, Guccio Gucci, to be involved with the company whose products became a byword for casual elegance and also brash consumption. He sold his 50 per cent stake in the business to the London-based Arab investment bank Investcorp for a sum reported to be between $150 million (£100 million) and $200 million in 1993 after an acrimonious boardroom battle, and gave up the chairmanship.

His cousins — Roberto, Paolo and Giorgio — sold their half to Investcorp in 1987 after an internal feud that had earned the Florentine family comparisons with the mediaeval Medici dynasty. "The death of Maurizio is a blow but I would like to emphasise that relations between Maurizio and the Gucci company ended in 1993," a company spokeswoman in Milan said.

The killing stunned the smart world of Italian fashion. "I am deeply upset," said Renato Balestra, a leading couturier. "Maurizio Gucci was one of the leading exponents of 'Made in Italy'. Gucci is an example of a firm that became an empire from nothing and made Italian fashion known around the world."

Stefano Dominella, a[illegible] executive of the [illegible] recalled how [illegible] wore Gucci [illegible] scarfs for the film *Roman Holiday*. "Not knowing the reason for him being killed, I can only say [illegible] anyone who [illegible] job," Signor [illegible]

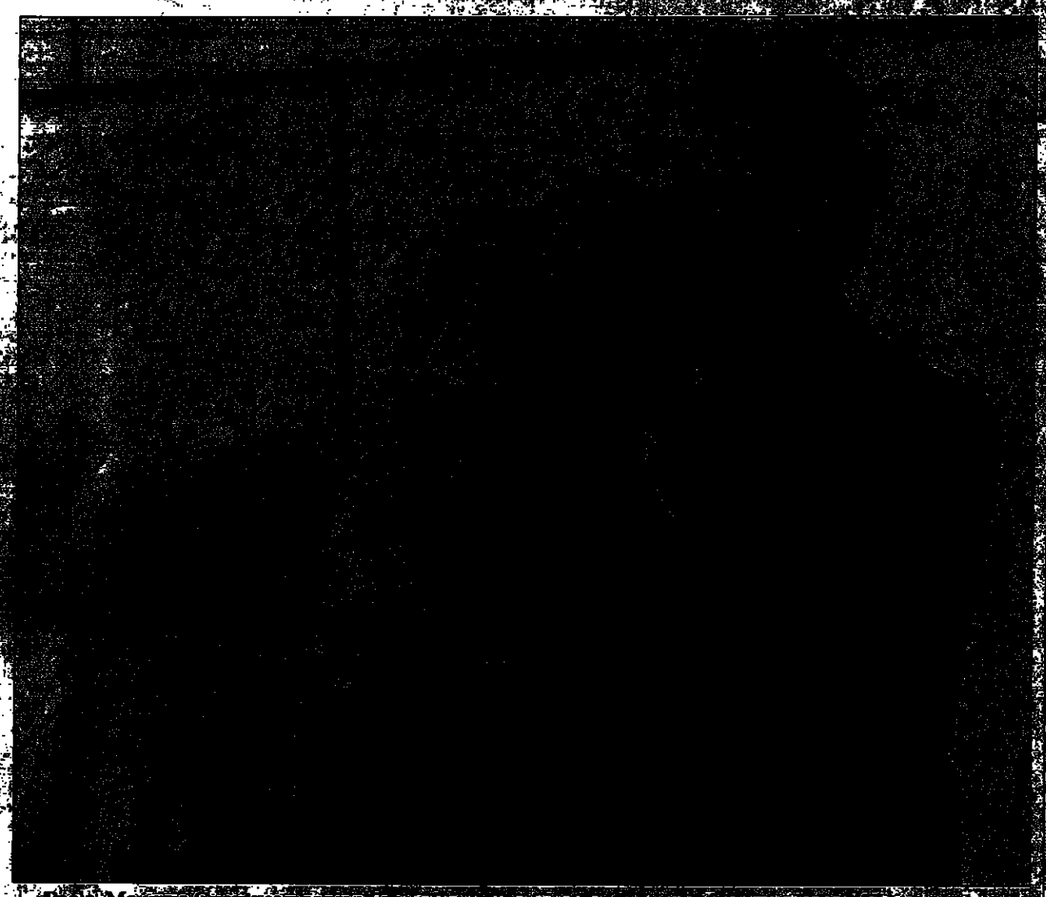
Signor Gucci [illegible] residence [illegible] mountain resort of [illegible] had recently set up his own company, Viersse, at the office where he was killed. His companion, Paola, rushed to the scene in tears after learning of his death on the radio, witnesses said.

The Gucci empire, whose red and green motif and linked GG gilt logo appeared on thousands of products, grew into a jet-setters' favourite from its humble origins in 1906 at a saddlery shop in Florence. Customers for its shoes, luggage and fashion goods included film stars such as Elizabeth Taylor and Grace Kelly, later Princess Grace of Monaco.

Guccio Gucci was a former waiter at the Savoy Hotel in London, where he studied the tastes of the rich and famous before returning to Italy to make leather goods of fine craftsmanship that he sold to the local aristocracy. The company expanded to Rome and Milan and then went international after the Second World War, opening shops in the fashion centres of Paris, New York and London.

Guccio Gucci died in 1953 leaving two of his sons, Rodolfo and Aldo, to run the business. They were soon at each other's throats. Rodolfo entered the business in the 1970s after he gave up attempts to [illegible] Hollywood.

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Paola, Maurizio Gucci's companion. Police believe the killing [illegible]



Gucci: sold his share of the business in 1993

Baghdad brands US pair as saboteurs

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

IRAQ yesterday accused two Americans jailed for eight years after crossing the border from Kuwait of being military experts on a sabotage mission. However, the officials, who are keen to blunt Washington's drive to maintain crippling trade sanctions, hinted that the men could be freed on humanitarian grounds.

The possibility was raised as Baghdad's efforts to lift the four-year-old embargo suffered a setback when the United Nations official in charge of disarming Iraq said "considerable" questions remained over its biological warfare capability. Saadi Mehdi Saleh, Iraq's parliamentary Speaker, claimed the men had been sent to provoke Baghdad into action that would help Washington to prolong the embargo. Sabotage or espionage could have resulted in the death sentence or prison terms for life, he said.

"The humanitarian doors are not shut to them yet," said Mr Saleh in the first comment from an Iraqi official [illegible] David Daliberti, 45, [illegible] Barloon, 39, were tried and sentenced by a criminal court on Saturday. He described the two men, who were working in Kuwait as "civilian [illegible] military experts [illegible] Baghdad. We [illegible] by certain [illegible] sabotage."

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Canada accused of piracy by EU after trawler net is cut

BY RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA, JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND GEORGE BROCK

CANADA stoked the simmering fisheries dispute with the European Union yesterday by cutting a Spanish trawler's nets and trying to board two other fishing vessels in the North Atlantic.

The EU, accusing Canada of international piracy, immediately lodged a protest. Further trouble loomed as Spanish fishermen, forced on Sunday to leave the disputed fishing grounds off the coast of Newfoundland, said they were heading back to the area.

In Madrid, Javier Solana, Spain's Foreign Minister, summoned the Canadian Ambassador to protest, while in Brussels, Spain urged its EU partners to agree trade sanctions against Canada. In New York, the two sides yesterday took their dispute to the United Nations for talks on a new international fisheries regime.

Brian Tobin, Canada's Fisheries Minister, said that Canada would continue to board fishing trawlers and cut fishing nets in the area off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland to protect depleted stocks of Greenland halibut.

Mr Tobin spoke before the United Nations High Seas Conference. He told the conference that Canada took "no pride in unilateral measures" and did so "only when all other measures had failed".

Early yesterday, a Canadian patrol vessel cut the net of a Spanish trawler, *Pescamora Uno*, using a new tungsten blade cutter produced by a fisheries research institute in Canada. It was the first time the device had been used.

Spanish fishermen sought refuge near the *Vigia*, a Spanish navy ship on the edge of the disputed fishing ground, before returning to the area. "There is no way we are going to give up fishing in these waters," José Rodriguez, a trawler captain, said.

The action provoked an immediate reaction from Emma Bonino, the European Fisheries Commissioner. "You are using force illegally. It is an act of piracy," she said in a television interview broadcast in Canada. "You have been the pirates inside your own zone and now you are trying to make the European Union the scapegoat. Either we abide by international law or it will be the law of the jungle."

Mr Tobin said Mrs Bonino had failed to answer to charges that Spanish trawlers were catching undersized fish. Canada claims that stocks of Greenland halibut are endangered.

British inspectors commissioned by Brussels have inspected the Spanish trawler *Estai*, seized on March 9, at its home port of Vigo. Sir Leon Brittan, the Commissioner in charge of relations with Canada, said yesterday that the inspectors had found no evidence of breaches of the rules.

Fish wars dominate history of ex-colony

BY RICHARD CLEROUX

THE passionate dispute over fishing rights is rooted in the history of Newfoundland. It reflects the hardened outlook of an isolated community which depends for its livelihood on the dwindling fish stocks in the North Atlantic.

The Spaniards have been coming to Newfoundland's shores for 600 years for valuable catches of cod, turbot and halibut. An English expedition in 1497 found that they only had to lower baskets, not nets, to scoop up fish.

Spain, England and France all fought over the fisheries. Eventually, England won and set up the colony of Newfoundland. For the next 400 years English influence and economy prevailed and a flourishing trade was set up with the Caribbean colonies.

However, poverty prevailed and in 1949 Newfoundland reluctantly became the tenth province of Canada after two referendums. Forty-six years later it is still Canada's poorest province and has the highest unemployment rate. The worst blow in Newfoundland history came three years ago when the northern cod stocks disappeared and a two-year moratorium was imposed to let the cod replenish themselves.

Last year it became apparent to marine scientists that the cod was not coming back and the moratorium might have to continue indefinitely. The yellowtail and flounder also disappeared and had to be protected under moratoriums. More than 40,000 fishery workers were put out of work by the measures and compensated by the Government at a cost of about Can$1,000 million (£430 million) a year.

Newfoundlanders blamed foreign fishing fleets, particularly the Spanish and Portuguese, for ravaging the North Atlantic ground fish stocks during the past 20 years, although Canadians had also over-fished the Grand Banks.

Part of the anger is due to the fact that modern diesel-powered super-trawlers use giant nets attached to huge steel cables large enough to scoop up a dozen airliners.

The fishing boats use satellites to spot schools of fish and can locate them within a margin of error of less than 100 yards. They then use digital sonar that is so accurate it can identify the species.

Against these odds the fish have no chance and this is what frightens the Newfoundlanders the most. They believe that unless action is taken leading to binding laws, there will be no fish for anyone and no life on Newfoundland.

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Police break up Bronx cockfight

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

ALMOST 300 people have been arrested in New York as a result of a raid on a cockfighting championship. Scores of bloodied birds, specially crossbred for aggression and primed to fight with muscle-building steroids and painkillers, were found.

Armed police crashed into a converted cinema in the South Bronx on Saturday night and broke up what the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) described as "the Super Bowl of cockfights". At the scene was a 2ft trophy of a silver cock to be awarded for "The Fastest Fight".

Cockfighting is outlawed in America, but has a devoted following among the country's Hispanic immigrants. Tens of thousands of dollars are wagered at cockfighting contests, making it a lucrative endeavour for promoters willing to risk trouble with the law.

The organisers of the championship in the Bronx, which opened the annual March-to-August cockfighting season, had taken elaborate precautions to avoid being caught. Moveable walls had been built and a fake boxing ring installed to make it seem that a boxing match was under way if there were a raid.

Police and ASPCA officers broke in just as the walls were being moved into place and found hundreds of spectators who had paid $25 (£12.50) each for admission, drinks and, bizarrely, a menu of roast chicken. In all, 286 people were arrested for cruelty to animals, a misdemeanour which could earn a year in jail and a $1,000 fine.

Seven other people, including the alleged ringleader, were charged with the criminal offence of organising a cockfight, which carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison.

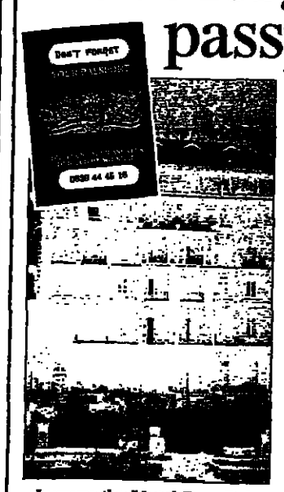
About 20 cocks had already died in the night's fighting, in which birds claw at each other with razor-sharp metal spurs attached to their legs. Another 90 birds were found alive.

To prepare the birds for the fight, many of them had been injected with the pain-killing drug PCP, known on the streets as "angel dust". Although the birds have a street value of up to $10,000 each, the ASPCA intends to destroy all those found alive because they are unmanageable.

"Most of civilisation has come to realise this cruelty is no longer acceptable," said John Foran, chief administrative officer of the ASPCA. "These animals experience a great deal of pain. They literally rip each other apart. It's a blood sport and a barbaric practice that has to be brought to an end."

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Firms respond slowly to Phoneday changes

PHONEDAY, the day on which telephone numbers add a digit at the start of the code, is less than three weeks away and many businesses seem to be waiting until the last moment to take action (Rodney Hobson writes).

Research by Mercury, the Cable and Wireless subsidiary, suggests that some small businesses have updated their stationery, but neglected the telephone itself. The survey showed that about two-thirds of firms had made or at least planned the required changes to forms, brochures and letterheads, but fewer than a quarter had modernised their switchboards.

The issue is important to Mercury, which sells its services on the claim that its long-distance calls are cheaper than British Telecom's. Switchboards programmed to seek a Mercury line may fail to recognise the new codes.

Ray Rowland, project manager, says: "A lot of companies do seem to be focusing on stationery, which is important, but in doing so they are forgetting the main point of Phoneday, the phone itself. Mercury business customers should arrange for their dealer to visit to avoid getting caught up in a last-minute rush when dealers will simply not have time to visit everyone before April 16."

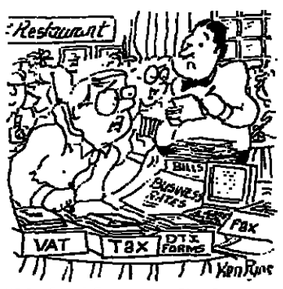
Mercury fears that some businesses will not realise that calls are no longer going via Mercury lines until they receive the next quarter's bill.

BT also says that "several thousand" businesses have ignored calls to make necessary equipment changes. Up to 20,000 small businesses may still have equipment that prevents calls being made to numbers starting 01.

Some switchboards automatically bar the dialling of certain numbers to prevent staff from making unauthorised overseas calls. Both BT and Mercury say they have modified equipment that is maintained through their service contracts.

The failure of some companies to prepare adequately for Phoneday comes in spite of a £36 million campaign, including money-off vouchers, by Mercury and a similar intensive campaign by BT.

BT's free Phoneday helpline is 0800 010101. Mercury's free helpdesk is on 0500 04 1995.



"No food for me — I'm having a working lunch!"

Sound asleep on wool

By Rodney Hobson

DAWNA HENSON wanted only the best for the child she was expecting. That concern led her into The Fairchild Company, a rapidly expanding business based on an invention that she has patented internationally.

Mrs Henson was dissatisfied with the modern foam-filled plastic cot mattress she saw in the shops. She felt that wool was the ideal material. Her daughter, Dani, slept at first on a sheepskin when she was born six years ago.

Mrs Henson says: "Wool is the only natural fibre that is flame resistant. If you put a flame to it, all you get is cold ash. You can hold it in your hand with a flame on it and it doesn't retain any heat. It will absorb water up to 30 per cent of its own weight and it doesn't feel damp. It doesn't go mouldy and it does not provide a breeding ground for bacteria."

She knew nothing about making mattresses, so further research was needed. Then came market research, which involved talking to mothers and health officials. Delving into the whole process took two years, but Mrs Henson won a market research grant.

She says: "It was clear that the product was going to be more expensive. Just the cost of the fibre came to more than the price of products already on the market. I asked people what they thought of my idea at the price I was likely to charge and they were all in favour."

She adds: "We invented our own manufacturing process and took out a British patent. We take thick continuous rolls of wool and it comes off the machine as a block of wool. My mattress does not move and it does not go lumpy. For a baby, it is flat and firm. It is also wonderful for an adult with bedsores."

Mrs Henson and her husband, Simon, were living on a farm near Taunton, Somerset. They had just built a cattleyard for their herd of red Herefords, so they had a clean new building. The loom went in instead of the cattle. The Rural Development Commission helped her to automate her loom and to build three more.

The Hensons also had their own sheep and would prefer to buy direct from other farmers in order to control quality, but they are obliged by current marketing arrangements to buy wool through the Wool Marketing Board. They test the wool rigorously to ensure an absence of chemicals. Some mattresses are ordered by people who suffer from allergies and who place specific orders, such as requiring unbleached wool.

Although the controversy over the cause of cot deaths was not the driving force behind the business, it has boosted sales. Mrs Henson is producing 3,000 mattresses a year, and reckons she could push the total up to 12,000. A wool mattress for a cot costs about £200, compared with £50 for a foam one. Already she is exporting, with sales from Zimbabwe to Bermuda.

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Dawna Henson has patented her techniques internationally

BRIEFINGS

Euromanagement, a new EC scheme, will help smaller firms to find continental partners and then bid for European research and development funding. In southern and central England, 25 small and medium-sized enterprises are being prepared for this through a partnership comprising Oxford Innovations, a technical, economic and management consultancy, and the Government-funded Teaching Company Directorate, which links academics with industry. Participating firms pay a nominal £200. The remaining consultancy fees, up to £4,000, are paid by the EC and Training and Enterprise Council. Contact David Kingham at Oxford Innovations (01865 794585), or John Monniot at the TCD (01367 242822). Euromanagement also operates in the eastern region, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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The tea that Britain used to drink may help to fend off heart disease and some cancers, according to a recent study. **Dr Thomas Stuttaford** reports

Refreshing oriental secret of long life

A CUP of green tea made from jasmine or green gunpowder leaves may be life-saving as well as cheering. Recent research from Japan, reported in the *British Medical Journal*, has analysed the effect of green tea drinking on 1,371 men who live in Yoshimi; it found that the portents for reduction in the incidence of coronary heart disease and cardiovascular diseases in general were good. Other blood tests suggest that green tea drinking improves liver function and thereby may provide some protection against cancers of the liver, colon and lungs.

Drinking the semi-fermented green tea — China tea — still seems rather effete; Tony Benn and Dennis Skinner are famed tea drinkers but their comrades at their next branch meeting would be surprised if they asked for something so exotic. It is served without milk or sugar in a dilute form, and is usually constantly topped up with hot water.

In fact the traditional cup of tea, thick with milk and sugar, became part of the British way of life only after 1839; before then Chinese green tea had held a virtual monopoly. From that date the Treasury, anxious to encourage colonial trade, allowed Indian black tea into the country duty-free, a privilege extended to Ceylon tea in 1879. Although the worst of the tea taxes had been removed by William Pitt in 1784, it was this imperial preference which caused the gradual eclipse of green tea drinking. Since the Second World War, when green tea was unavailable, its drinking has again been gaining in popularity.



Green tea devotees have always claimed that it is not only refreshing and a help to the digestion but also has other medicinal properties with a longer-term advantage. Science has now shown that they may be right.

Animal experiments have provided support for the opinion that one of the constituents of green tea leaves, the catechins, have an anti-carcinogenic action in animals, albeit that this has not yet been shown in humans. Rats which are fed green tea leaves have a remarkably low level of plasma cholesterol and serum triglycerides, the two blood fats which are routinely measured at human medical examinations and which act as important pointers to the likelihood of developing heart disease. In rats it has also been found that the proportion of the cholesterol which is high-density lipoprotein — the so-called good cholesterol — increases. In assessing the chance of developing coronary atheroma, the amount of low-density cholesterol — the more pernicious form — is particularly important.

The Japanese study suggests that Yoshimi men respond every bit as well to green tea as the laboratory rats. Increased consumption of green tea was followed by decreased levels of serum cholestorol with an increased percentage of high-density lipoprotein and a reduction in the low-density lipoprotein.

The blood tests also suggest that green tea could be as beneficial to human as to rat livers, and might therefore also be protective against some forms of cancer, especially those which are associated with high levels of body iron.

Further work is needed to confirm these findings, but they look encouraging. Sam Twining, who is the ninth generation of his family to work as a tea merchant, needs no encouragement. He says that he has always found green tea wonderfully refreshing and that the trick to enjoying it is to drink it very weak.

When artificial joints suffer wear and tear

Plastic and metal can replace our bones, but are there long-run dangers? **Dr Abi Berger** reports

SURGEONS now have more than 30 years' experience of joint replacement operations, and carry out more than a million worldwide every year. Yet little is known about the long-term effects of metal implants in the human body. Most early recipients died before their prosthesis wore out, but patients are now often younger than they used to be, so the replacements themselves need to be replaced — or revised — at a later date.

One of the most common problems these patients encounter is the gradual loosening of the metal and plastic joint within its natural bone surroundings because of corrosion of the prosthesis. With this wear and tear comes the production of tiny bits of metal and plastic debris.

Until very recently, surgeons have looked for — and found — such debris only in the immediate vicinity of the joint. Now a multidisciplinary team of doctors, engineers and scientists based at Bristol University (known as the Bristol Wear Debris Team) has established that there is widespread dissemination of metal debris from implants. It can be detected not only in local lymph nodes, but also in more distant sites such as bone marrow, the spleen and the liver.

Their study, published recently in the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, involved post-mortem examinations of 20 people. Thirteen had been given metal orthopaedic implants; the other seven had never received implants and were used as the control group. Those whose metal joints showed obvious wearing were found to have the highest level of metal debris in their organs.

Those with prostheses but no obvious wear and tear had lower levels. The control group also had some metal in their tissues, but it was in their lungs and was considered the result of environmental pollution.

What effect does the debris have on these organs? Dr Patrick Case, lecturer in histopathology, said: "The material which has travelled to these organs may be biologically inert. The next step is to perform detailed examinations to see whether there are any changes to the tissue of the organs in which it collects.

"Some researchers have suggested that the wear debris might — under certain circumstances — cause local loosening of the implant itself, by the production of enzymes and cytokines. Our team is exploring whether this same debris has any effects in other more distant sites such as the spleen and liver. So far there is no direct association between wear debris and the development of disease later on."

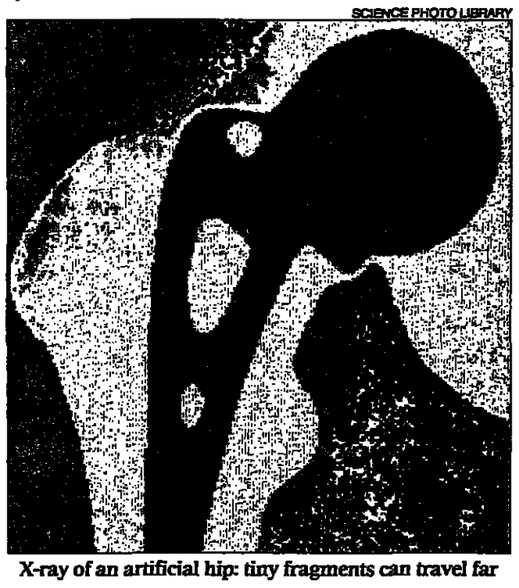
According to Ian Learmonth, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Bristol University: "Most materials that have been developed in recent years for use on prostheses have been tested for bio-acceptability in bulk form. Very little is known about the *in vivo* effects of tiny fragmented particles of these materials."

The implications are important not just for orthopaedic surgery, but also for all other spheres of surgery, including dentistry, in which metal instrumentation or implants are used.

The Bristol team includes surgeons, pathologists, haematologists and geologists — all of whom bring to the group their expertise and newly developed technology from their individual fields.

The knowledge gained through such close collaboration is far greater than could have been obtained by the same scientists working alone. For example, by adopting geologists' techniques for metal detection, the pathologists have been able to trace in detail where the metal debris has ended up in the body.

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X-ray of an artificial hip: tiny fragments can travel far

ROBIN MAYES



Dr John Wyatt uses his infra-red brain scanner to check two-day-old Sally Agombar, who was born prematurely

A safer way to be born

Jeremy Laurance reports on a new technique for maintaining oxygen levels during and after birth

DOCTORS are fond of observing how tough babies have to be to survive birth. During a normal labour the head is crushed, the chest squeezed and the baby's lifeline, the placenta, is throttled. Most come through the experience unscathed. But 1,000 infants year suffer lasting brain damage caused by oxygen deprivation, and thousands more are affected in lesser ways.

Detecting which babies are in distress and acting to help them before the damage is done is a hit and miss affair which depends on the experience and judgment of the obstetrician. But scientists at University College Hospital, London, have made a discovery which they believe could transform the care of vulnerable babies.

Using an infra-red scanner that has been adapted from military use, doctors at the hospital are for the first time able to monitor directly the level of oxygen in the brain during and after birth.

Any restriction in the blood flow to the brain, cutting off its oxygen supply, causes damage within minutes. The damage had been thought to be irreversible, but studies by the University College team suggests that there is a "window" of up to 24 hours during which the effects of oxygen starvation may be treatable.

Dr John Wyatt, consultant neonatologist who is leading the research, says: "It turns out that in a completely normal healthy labour, oxygen levels can fall incredibly low. A quarter of the blood in the brain changes with each contraction. It is like being throttled. Very rapid contractions seem worse than ones that come at regular intervals. The placenta only works between contractions so if the contractions are coming very rapidly it can't keep up and the oxygen level keeps falling."

Until now, obstetricians have had to rely on foetal heart-rate monitors, attached to the baby's head while still inside the womb, to detect signs of distress during birth. However, the heart may continue to beat normally when oxygen levels are low or start to race when there is no shortage of oxygen. "A lot of unnecessary Caesareans have been done because the foetal heart-rate monitor is an unreliable instrument," Dr Wyatt says.

'Unfortunately the foetal heart-rate monitor is an unreliable instrument'

By attaching optical fibres from the infra-red scanner to the baby's scalp at the start of labour doctors can get a direct reading of the oxygen levels. They are also examining the possibility of implanting a device with a transmitter into the womb in the final weeks of pregnancy to monitor the level in vulnerable babies and give obstetricians a clearer signal of when labour should start.

University College Hospital is leading the world in research on the infra-red scanner. The birth of a severely damaged baby is a catastrophe for the parents and the doctors. The cost of care and support over a lifetime may run into millions of pounds. A test and a treatment that reduced this toll would have immense implications.

Dr Wyatt, whose work is part-funded by the medical charity Action Research, believes the scanner will become a clinical tool within five years. It will also help to answer the question of whether less severe oxygen deprivation during birth is associated with intellectual impairment later on.

"The received wisdom is that oxygen deprivation either wrecks you or does no damage at all. I find that hard to believe. I think many subtle abnormalities may be due to events around birth," he says. "Until you have got the necessary instruments you can't ask whether difficulty with maths at age five is linked with a shortage of oxygen at birth."

Fluctuations in the level of oxygen in the blood continue after birth especially in premature babies whose lungs are underdeveloped. The scanner can be used to monitor the level and help to improve techniques of intensive care. The aim is to minimise the fluctuations and maximise the chances of normal development.

The team has also directly examined the effects of oxygen deprivation on the cells in the brain using a technique called nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy to detect the level of a chemical, adenosine triphosphate (ATP).

ATP is the fuel supply of the cells, made by burning oxygen. When cells run out of ATP they die, causing brain damage. Cell death is triggered by shortage of oxygen, but Dr Wyatt and his team have discovered that there is a delay before it takes effect.

"The most exciting thing we have found is that energy failure does not happen immediately. We think that starving the brain of oxygen during labour triggers a cascade of reactions which take 24 hours to kill the cells. We are very excited because it implies there is a window of opportunity of a few hours after the brain has been starved of oxygen during which we could intervene to prevent damage occurring."

Once the baby is born the oxygen supply is restored within minutes but by then it is too late. "The problem is that once the cascade is triggered you just have to stand by the bedside and watch the damage happen."

Drug companies are working on a list of possible agents that could be used to halt the process. But Dr Wyatt and his team believe the remedy could be simpler: cooling the brain appears to switch off the cascade.

"The temperature only needs to come down by a few degrees. We have found that the brain is exquisitely temperature sensitive. Cooling the brain is much less likely to have catastrophic side-effects than giving drugs. It is the most promising line of treatment we have at the moment."

The findings could herald new treatments for brain damage caused by oxygen deprivation, not just for babies but for adults too. Cooling the brain may turn out to improve the outlook for sufferers from strokes and for accident victims.



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As the awards debris is cleared away, **Giles Whittell** lists the nominees for another category — best celebrity party host

And the Oscar winner is...

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Having crossed the line from restaurateur to host, Wolfgang Puck — seen here with Jackie Collins — finds the battle for star guests as hard-fought as that for Oscars

At last night's Oscars the busiest man in Hollywood was a workaholic Austrian immigrant who has managed to endear himself to the American film industry without losing his thick Germanic accent. He has also helped to enlarge thousands of pampered Californian torsos, and he is not Arnold Schwarzenegger.

As it happens, celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck knows his hulking compatriot well. Schwarzenegger is a regular at Spago, Puck's pizzeria-to-the-stars on Sunset Boulevard. *But whereas Arnie travelled to and* from the Oscars by limousine, Wolfgang chartered a helicopter. ("We went for a six-seater because I'm scared of ze liddle ones," he gabbles, sipping cappuccino under an Andy Warhol triptych called *Sunset* as Spago's flowers are arranged around him. "You know, wiz ze glass bubble in front where *you can see down between your* legs? I hate zat.")

The chopper, he explains, was his only guarantee of swift passage from Spago to the Shrine Auditorium *and back without getting* caught in the limo-lock that inevitably fills streets and frays tempers on the night of a thousand stars.

Delay was the one thing Mr Puck could not afford. He was aiming to make Oscar history by providing the food and drink for the Governors' Ball — the televised mingle immediately after the awards are *handed out — and throwing what* he hoped would be the evening's most talked-about private party.

Competition is fierce. A new era in Oscar night hospitality dawned *last year with the death of Irving* "Swifty" Lazar, the agent and socialite who for decades held the evening's *most prestigious* knees-up. *In those days Spago was the* venue, but Swifty was the host and Puck merely the restaurateur. Now, as the millionaire owner of *four fashionable joints in LA, San* Francisco and Las Vegas, Puck has himself crossed the line from Hollywood professional to Hollywood host — only to find that the *battles for star guests have become* as hard-fought as those for Oscars.

Victor Drai, a former producer, was giving a party for the cast of *Forrest Gump* at his modestly-named Drai's restaurant in Beverly Hills, saying: "If I'm going to have a party, it's got to be the biggest." Chasen's, a legendary haunt of film moguls in West Hollywood, had *first call on John Travolta and* director Quentin Tarantino as it played host to Miramax, distributor of *Pulp Fiction*. And *Vanity Fair* magazine promised to mix the crème of both coasts (Jodie Foster and former presidential press secretary Dee Dee Myers, for example) at Morton's.

Elton John's guests for his $250-a-head dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel were raising money for the good cause of Aids research. But Puck believes he has a good cause behind him, too: that of good food.

The tubby Tyrolean in the chef's smock and wooden clogs is the unlikely but undisputed supremo of Californian cuisine. In fact, if he didn't actually invent it he certainly rescued it from oxymoron, with such now-famous specialities as smoked salmon pizza, potato galette with smoked sturgeon and Mongolian lamb chops marinated in honey, ginger and garlic, all of which were served by 300 waiters to the 1,700 guests at the Governors' Ball.

Puck learnt classic French cuisine at Maxim's in Paris, but allowed it to mutate under the influence of local tastes and his own sometimes bizarre imagination as he moved to New York in 1973, and Los Angeles two years later.

Ideas like guacamole pizza, roast salmon with horseradish and ahi tuna with sea urchin sauce did not come to him in his sleep. "I really thought about it. You are here sometimes in January and it's 80 degrees, and you have to think hard about what will be right."

Hence Spago's "power-pizzas" and, at his neo-Chinese restaurant in Santa Monica, Peking duck and Shanghai lobster with pickled ginger — a favourite of Bruce Springsteen's. Besides Springsteen and Schwarzenegger, his regulars include Jack Nicholson, Elizabeth Taylor, Tom Hanks, Eddie Murphy and friends, Mr and Mrs Michael Douglas, Gene Kelly, Billy Wilder and Miranda Richardson. All have favourite tables and specialities that Puck's maître d's must remember, and all, he said, would turn up on Oscar night.

If so, Wolfgang Puck's first post-Swifty party should have gone with a bang — just as long as everyone tucks in. "Because," he says with a derisive smirk for LA's dieters, "I couldn't be friendly with somebody who doesn't eat."

The lords barred from the Lords

Anne McElvoy meets a baron denied a voice in the upper chamber

For a man who has just had all hope of regaining his family seat in the House of Lords dashed after a doughty battle against the arcane regulations governing British peerages, Lord Farnham is extremely good-humoured.

"I thought it would be a bit wet not to have a go," says the City banker, whose petition to restore to Irish peers the right to sit in the upper chamber failed to move the Privileges Committee last week. "We seeemed to have a good chance, but the law lords poked their lance between the ribs of our case. Oh well, so it goes."

The 12th Baron in a line stretching back to 1756, Lord Farnham — full name Barry Owen Somerset Maxwell, chairman of the exclusive Brown, Shipley merchant bank — provided a rare flurry in the ordered world of the Lords, by challenging the ruling, effective since the Republic of Ireland's independence in 1922, that its peers, while entitled to use and inherit their titles, are not allowed a seat in the Lords.

His petition was cleared by the Queen and the Attorney-General before being debated by the committee. "so it was a bit like falling at the last fence". Eight other peers are directly affected by the ruling, although Lord Farnham's has been a one-man cause, adopted *in the 1960s when* he supported an Antrim nobleman who fought in vain for his family's readmittance.

"We are allowed to attend the House," Farnham sighs, "but only to sit on the steps of the throne with the Privy Counsellors and the eldest sons of peers." He rarely makes use of this concession. "I found it a very uncomfortable place to sit. We are not even entitled to drink tea there.



Lord Farnham: wistful

I suppose we would be allowed to use the lavatories — on sufferance, though."

The disowned peers' sole compensation is that they may sit in the Commons without giving up their title, although none has so far done so: "We're a pretty mild-mannered bunch."

Lord Farnham's grandfather, who died in 1957, was the last of the family to sit in the House. Lord Farnham inherited the title after his own father died in action in the Second World War. "It was grandfather who instilled into me that the Lords was an *important institution*," he recalls. "He used to tell me that that was where I would have to go to find really intelligent conversation in London."

*Educated at Eton and Har*vard, the present Lord Farnham is the soul of aristocratic discretion. Surprised and a little disconcerted that *anyone should want to interview him*, he perches uncomfortably during the interrogation in a corner chair in the *neat Earls Court house he* shares with his wife. One of two rather glamorous daughters pops in with a plant for Mothering Sunday in one *hand, a bundle of washing in* the other.

He financed the petition privately, but refuses to disclose what the case has cost *him. "With the fees for my* counsel and lots of research, it certainly added up. But at least we got a complete set of family records out of it."

The legal grounds for the decision against the Irish peers are brain-numbingly intricate, but turn mainly on a debate as to the exact nature *and origins of a hereditary* peerage, deriving from the King's summons by writ to attend the House of Lords. In 1800, the Act of Union provided *for 28 Irish members of the* Irish peerage to be elected to sit in the Lords. After 1922, it was ruled that sitting peers could remain till the end of *their lives, but no more elections* would be held.

Farnham claimed that the writ of summons to appear should have retained their inheritable status and that the 1922 decision was faulty: "Barony by writ was the original way peers were created and the law was never changed to *nullify that.*"

Whatever the technical flaws of the Irish peers' case, the upper chamber would certainly have been the more colourful for their presence. They include Lord Dunalley, an outspoken probation officer, and Lord Kingsale, premier baron of Ireland, who has been a bingo-caller, kitchen fitter and plumber and is now living in sheltered housing.

The Farnham family home in the eponymous village in Co Cavan is a mere ten miles from the frontier with the North, but the quiet peer's battle for a seat is not political. "I keep my head down and hope, like the rest of the people *in the border areas." His real* passion is forestry, "particularly felling trees myself. Handling a chainsaw is a wonderful feeling."

The IRA ceasefire has, he says, reopened a forgotten horizon. "I've just discovered that our best local dry cleaners is in Enniskillen, which is very close to us on the northern side, so I pop up there without the terrible unease that one felt *before about safety.*"

The end of his campaign leaves him more time to devote to Freemasonry (he is the Grand Master of the United Lodge of England). But he admits that he will always cast a wistful eye towards the Palace of Westminster. "The Lords is an anachronism, but *a dynamic one," he says.* "Maybe that is why I felt I should have fitted in there rather well."

The job of the journalist is to find holes in any political argument, whatever the party

Please answer the question



NIGELLA LAWSON

I HAVE *never thought of* Jonathan Aitken as a Cleopatra figure, but I begin to see a resemblance: when the messenger tells you what you *don't want to hear, have him* whipped. I seem to remember my English teacher telling us that the Egyptian queen's incontinent fury was a clear *indication that she was beginning* to come unstuck. As in art, so in life: it takes a truly desperate and self-deluding (or else simply opportunistically dishonest) Tory Party to blame the BBC for the "feel-bad" factor.

Still, the BBC is so often blamed for anti-government *bias that everyone believes it.* But it's a silly accusation. Mind you, John Humphrys's decision to chair an anti-government meeting was no *less an example of baffling* silliness.

Humphrys's action does weaken the BBC's defence, although it shouldn't really. *After all, he was chairing the* lobbyists' meeting, not speaking for it: the job of the chairman is not to register sympathy with any of the *speakers but to organise* them.

I say that blaming the BBC for anti-government bias is a silly accusation, in that I *would expect the BBC to be* anti-government: I would expect it to be anti-government whatever the government. The Tory gibe of the Blair Broadcasting Corporation shouldn't make the Labour Party feel too relaxed about its *future ministers'* prospects on the *Today* programme if it gets elected.

Journalists don't attack politicians because they are motivated by heartfelt political commitment. The rules of *engagement are straightfor*ward: if you hear an argument your job is to find the holes in it. Journalists are not fired by what they are for, but *rather by what they are* against, which is usually pretty well everything.

If journalists are unsparing towards ministers for entirely unpolitical reasons, ministers who attack them back are *motivated by something other* than politics, too. Don't be misled by attacks of bias: the real cause for complaint is triggered by something a little *less noble.* Resentment. Every politician seethes with it.

I seem to remember a profile of Sir Robin Day some years ago in which mention was made of his abortive efforts to become an MP. But, it was pointed out, this was hardly failure: who wouldn't prefer to be Robin Day rather than Ted Heath? Day was more famous, more popular and, it was mooted, had greater influence.

It must seem terribly unfair to politicians, permanently in the role of stooge, fall-guy or villain while the interviewer rests in his role as hero of the people and controller of the mike. Worse: the TV hack might just earn more than the politician he is interviewing; and he'll almost certainly be better known. At the very least it's galling. But the envy goes rather deeper than that.

Politicians are rarely able to speak freely. The pressures of the Chief Whip or the constituency party can weigh heavy. The journalist need only be true to him or herself. On *Question Time*, or *Any Questions?*, the journalist on the panel can get a good deal more applause than the representatives of the political parties. That's not because *journalists are so attractive or* persuasive but because they can answer honestly, hitting out freely to left and right. The politician is yoked to the *party line.*

And the thing about television — and more so even on radio — is that phoniness shows. The audience responds to that. Honesty is always appealing and it can't be faked.

● *NEWS that girls who are taught physics in single-sex classes do better at GCSE is not entirely surprising. Girls of GCSE age tend to be at the hair-flicking stage and boys exacerbate the tendency. Girls want to be found attractive by their male classmates but quickly realise that the male ego is a fragile thing and cannot cope with female competition. So before they've had a chance to develop intellectually, they learn that boys find it more appealing if they don't.*

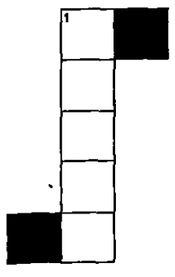
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R.W.Johnson says ousting Winnie has become tangled up with Mandela's succession

Deposing the Queen of Africa

The dismissal of Winnie Mandela from the South African Government prompts not the question "why has she been sacked?" — the grounds for dismissal have long been abundant — but "why on earth has it taken the Government so long to act?"

The conventional argument, often bolstered by news footage of Winnie (as she is universally known) being greeted in African squatter camps with wild acclaim as "the Mother of the Nation", is that she enjoys great grassroots popularity. In fact, much of this should be discounted. Winnie is world-famous, and her sheer celebrity value will always attract a crowd, especially in the drably desperate conditions of squatter life. This is a reality she has been careful to nourish with occasional shows of largesse. But opinion surveys suggest that her support is actually very limited, and certainly no match at all for the massive authority and popularity of President Mandela himself.

Yet the ANC has always felt that those who attacked Winnie were using her as a stalking horse to attack the movement itself, especially as she bears the charismatic Mandela name. Any move against her would, the ANC felt sure, only be exploited by their opponents — and sure enough, as the pressure mounted on Mrs Mandela last week, both the PAC leader, Clarence Makwetu, and the Inkatha leader, Chief Buthelezi, were quick with messages of support.

> The real question is why it took so long to sack her

But Winnie has also cultivated the role of "people's tribune", a role greatly facilitated by the hegemonic character of the ANC and the way the movement frowns on the expression of "incorrect" views. In effect, this creates a gap between the official line and the popular reality, providing a continuous opportunity for a tribune to exploit. Thus South Africa rings to a deafening public rhetoric about the "miracle" of the country's transition, and the wondrous transformation to be wrought by the Government's reconstruction and development programme.

The truth is that this programme has not really got off the ground; that the conditions of black life since the ANC came to power have, at best, stood still; and that the most visible change in South Africa is the rapid emergence of a new black middle class, led by the governing élite itself — which has lost no time at all in acquiring all the old privileges of the former white élite.

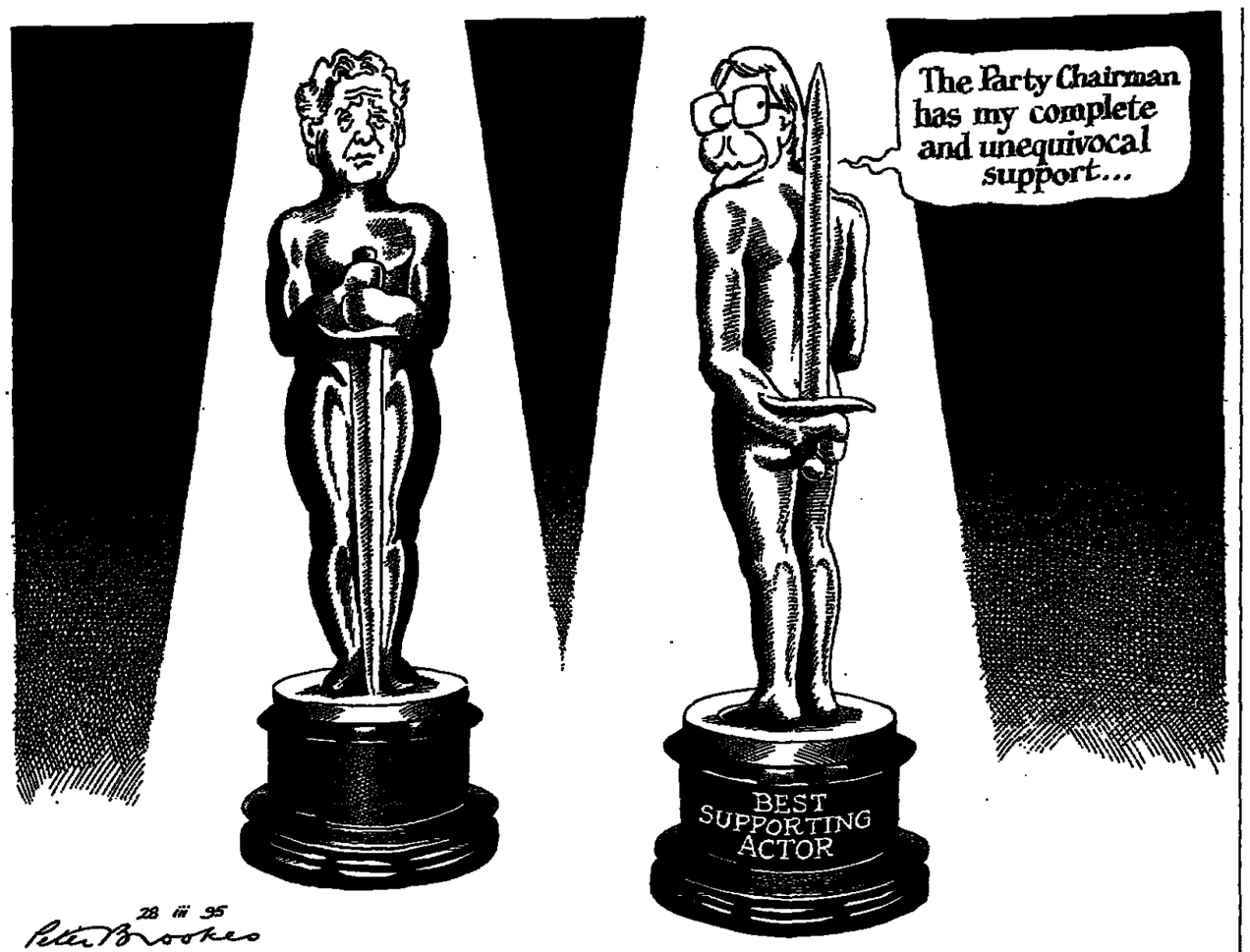
Naturally, the new élite does not like attention to be drawn to the ever-greater gap that separates it from its followers, and would far rather bask in the light of yet further prayer-songs about South Africans being, in Desmond Tutu's phrase, "the rainbow people of God", or receive yet further congratulations — last week from the Queen of England no less — on the miracle they have wrought. Winnie has once again capitalised on this, criticising the expense lavished on "a British queen" and declaring her undying love for the poor.

Mrs Mandela's cynicism, both in launching such attacks and in her declarations of altruism, is no less than breathtaking — not merely because of her criminal record of abduction and the still-standing allegations against her of assault and murder, but because she is herself a perfect exemplar of the Gucci populist. She owns large houses and cars and a string of businesses, flies on Concorde, and spares no expense on her succession of dramatic outfits. When she is near, large sums of money go missing with depressing regularity. Her criticism of "a British queen" must, moreover, be seen in the context of her pique at her own complete exclusion from all royal engagements here, and of the way she has recently begun to glory in the accolade of "the Queen of Africa", bestowed upon her by a radical black American group.

It is possible that it was this speech which finally pushed President Mandela to act. The ANC and even leading communists have gloried in the triumphant royal visit, and Mandela may have felt that he could not tolerate his wife's implied insult to the Queen. Only yesterday, after all, the President told the press that he could not comment on Winnie's future, since it was solely in the hands of Vice-President Thabo Mbeki. For the President has increasingly been cast in a role akin to King Lear by his wife's excruciating disloyalty, and has reacted by refusing to see her or even take her calls — which has predictably maddened her further — and insists that she deal only with Mbeki.

But this simply meant mixing the whole affair up in the politics of the succession struggle, for Mbeki has long since recruited Mrs Mandela to his "Africanist" camp, against his rival, the ANC Secretary-General, Cyril Ramaphosa, who enjoys trade union and Communist Party support. Mbeki has thus found every reason not to act against Mrs Mandela. It will be difficult enough to succeed President Mandela, and Mbeki is no crowd-pleaser. He needs the ANC's populist wing on his side if he is to seize the crown one day.

This is probably what forced President Mandela finally to act on his own — and it must have been an extremely painful decision. He refused, to the end, to talk to his wife, whose office thus learnt of her fate through the media. ANC officials were tight-lipped last night, for the movement is fearful of what Winnie may do next, and is clearly bracing itself for trouble. Hell hath no fury, after all, like a woman scorned, and the situation is certainly no easier when that woman is "the Queen of Africa".



It's no man's library now

What should we read into the news that librarians are spurning the great books?

Bernard Levin

This is a juicy story, though the juice turns sour. *The Times* gave it only a few paragraphs, little knowing that mayhem was very soon to break out. (I wrote that word, "mayhem", as I have written it many times, knowing that my readers would understand, but this time I suddenly realised that I had never looked it up in a dictionary to discover what exactly it means. Imagine my unbounded delight when I learnt that it means "Crime of maiming person so as to render him partly or wholly defenceless", and I can't wait to try it out on the Home Secretary. But to the subject in hand.)

In Axminster (where, a thousand thousand years ago, I loved and was loved), there is a public library, and an anonymous benefactor has offered to that library a munificent gift of 200 volumes from the Everyman classics, with the sole condition that when the books are not out on loan, they should be shelved in Axminster. (The books, I take it, would be the old Everymans, on which we all cut our teeth, not the stupendously beautiful and ever-growing numbers of new Everymans, which David Campbell has conjured into a new, astoundingly cheap Everyman series.)

Where there are public libraries, there are public librarians, and these rule their booklined caverns: the stocks they have, and must constantly seek, constitute a cloth of gold made from the printed word, so you may guess the delight in the Axminster library where the unknown giver was ready to give.

No doubt there would be flags and bunting, perhaps the town band with "See, the conquering hero comes", and of course the schools would have a half-holiday. Yes?

No.

The Axminster librarians rejected the gift, with the memorable words "Two hundred titles of classic literature would not give a balanced stock". Moreover, the librarians said that they did not have enough shelf-space for housing the classics, though it was said by the locals that there was quite enough shelf-space for two hundred volumes from the house of Mills & Boon.

Uproar followed, with Victoria Glendinning in the van; she said that the rejection of the books was "criminal and deeply condescending to the public . . . if you feed people slush they will get used to slush . . . I think they could be sued for not fulfilling their statutory duties."

Only one voice was lifted in defence of Mills & Boon; Derek Jones said: "If people are happy and fulfilled reading romance that's up to them. It isn't up to us to make them read Proust." Well, now, I must say that the lot of toffee-noses who pour scorn on what people choose to read are almost enough to make me vow to read nothing *but* Mills & Boon for the rest of my life, thumbing my nose as I turn the page. But three considerations make me stay my hand.

First there is the absurdity of the librarian who refused the gift classics, saying such nonsense as "Two hundred titles of classic literature would not give a balanced stock". She should be told that it is no business of a librarian to balance his stocks, whatever that means. Listen to Vartan Gregorian, who was for many years the Director of the New York Public Library (the world's biggest, natch), and with whom I spent one of the richest, most profound afternoons of my life:

> We believe that this library is an extension of intellectual freedom of thought; we do not therefore invade the privacy of our readers, we do not keep tabs on them, we do not ask what they read. Our library is freely accessible — any citizen can come and use it as a right, not a privilege, without any identification card. We do not have photos taken, or letters of introduction written; we welcome everybody to come and use it, students and scholars and ordinary citizens, and the more we are used the better we feel we have been fulfilling our mission.

The second reason that I shall not, like Lucifer, burn my book, is that I have just received a letter from the would-be donor of the 200 Everymans himself, and very ripe it is. He begins by referring me to the referendum that is being held in Axminster: the citizens can tick one of two boxes, one saying "I support the decision of the Librarian", and the other saying "I believe the gift should be accepted and housed in Axminster".

So far, there have been no votes at all for the librarian, but to rub it in, the referendum has coincided with an announcement by the Devon County Library Services that they will be cutting their book purchases budget for 1995 by £250,000.

He continues in that sharp tone for some time, and rounds it off with a letter from the Devon County librarian (who would presumably instruct the Axminster one), reading:

> Despite certain logistical problems, I am willing to accept the collection for Axminster library, which would then be housed on some appropriate extra shelving [there is already 70ft of empty shelf! (Anon)] and used to carry out an experiment to explore readers' needs in the town. Whether the result is positive or not will of course be very interesting for ourselves as well as hopefully to the donor.

To which our hero adds "I take this to mean that the books would be housed in a dark corner for three weeks and then removed."

But there is another, and clinching, reason for me to see this crazy story out to the end. The story, after all, begins and ends with the Everyman Library of literature, one of the noblest and worthiest endeavours to be made out of nothing but words. From the start, the goal was to measure up to those echoing words of John Milton: "A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured upon purpose to a life beyond life." The Everyman's Library was and is a treasure beyond rubies. And I should know, and do.

Why? Because I was one of the Everyman generation. Between my primary school and my public school I read as if I would be hanged unless I read five books a day: I swallowed books like Niagaras, I crammed them until I was in danger of bursting, I hungered and thirsted for more, and to slake my lust, there was, always by my side, an Everyman.

By then, there was a brisk exchange-and-mart in Everymans; they could be picked up from barrows for a few pence, and their sturdy, plain — well, plainish — covers were everywhere to be seen. We impoverished library-makers scoured the second-hand, third-hand, tenth-hand bookshops (Everymans were made to last) and I made a collection that would not quite outdo Vartan Gregorian, but ran it close.

Come with me down memory lane, though I warn you that I shall drop many a tear before I finish. The first author I truly steeped myself in was Harrison Ainsworth (I wonder if anyone reads him now, or indeed has heard of him); he wrote dozens of novels, but the only one I remember is *The Tower of London*, and the only character in it that I remember was Kit, the dwarf.

I tried *Lorna Doone* but failed (my sister loved it), but I fell upon Ballantyne, devouring *The Coral Island* and *Martin Rattler*; on the other hand, *Black Beauty* turned me off horses so completely that I have never sat on one, and never shall. *The Pied Piper* was the first long poem I learned by heart, and in doing so I discovered my exceptional memory (alas, it has gone for ever now).

As I grew up, the pabulum became more substantial, and I looted Cobbett, the first writer I actually loved, followed of course by Dickens. Euripides was my first encounter with the Greek dramatists, though Herodotus became and still is the one I cherish. I claim to be the only man to read Machiavelli's *The Prince* and declare it a great bore; I fervently took Kingsley's side against Newman; Plutarch I had missed altogether, and had to catch up. And Edgar Allan Poe didn't give me nightmares, though long afterwards M.R. James did.

But all of these were to be found, and *were* found by me, through the good offices of Everyman's Library. How many millions have learnt their literature and scores of other literatures (Everyman always translated) in those neat covers? How many millions bless the name of Everyman, who led them to a vast range of Aladdin's caves?

And in Axminster, they are holding their breath, to learn whether an anonymous benefactor is to be *allowed* to give the local library 200 volumes of the world's most eclectic and precious literature, Everyman's Library.

Ah, well: if all fails, we could call the series "Apparently Nobody's".

Grill both sides, please

Woodrow Wyatt says BBC politics needs 'outing'

On February 13, 1990, I wrote in *The Times* of the pro-Labour bias of Radio 4's *Today* programme, pointing out that the BBC is forbidden by its licence to broadcast its own opinions on current affairs and public policy. I had asked the BBC to give the political opinions of the main presenters and interviewers. Six days later, the Deputy Director-General replied: "Unlike Lord Wyatt, the BBC does not want to know what these private convictions are . . . Taken as a whole, the programme carries out its task with distinction." Thus wrote John Birt, now BBC Director-General, who recently complained of over-aggressive interviews of the kind that are the speciality of Jeremy Paxman on *Newsnight* and John Humphrys on *Today*. These are contrary to the BBC's own guidelines, which poor Mr Birt is unable to enforce.

In October 1955, the new-style *Panorama* began, with Richard Dimbleby and myself as the presenters, to challenge the new Independent Television. Everyone knew Richard was a Tory and that I was Labour. We were joined by Robin Day, a Liberal parliamentary candidate, Geoffrey Johnson Smith and Christopher Chataway, both Tory councillors who became MPs. We were not ashamed of everyone knowing our politics; any more than Aidan Crawley was when he made BBC documentaries and then ran ITN, setting a standard of impartiality admirably upheld by Trevor McDonald today.

At the BBC we were terrified of Mrs Grace Wyndham Goldie, head of Current Affairs. She should have been Director-General, if she had not been a woman (perhaps the excuse was her mild but not obsessive addiction to the bottle). She thought viewers should know our political leanings, but woe betide us if we failed in impartiality. Viewers had to have fairly selected evidence on which to make up their minds. When Hugh Greene became Director-General, he thought impartiality unnecessary, as did the *Panorama* producers, who told me they could not use me any more because impartiality is dull. Is it? From 1955 to 1959, the viewing figures for *Panorama* were 14-15 million. Today its slanted programmes average 4.5 million viewers.

People expect the publicly funded BBC to be impartial, yet because it so frequently gives only one side of the story, many are unaware that it is not.

Defenders of the practice of treating ministers like prisoners in the dock claim it is essential because they are the Government, and do things: Blair and Paddy Ashdown are not the Government, so they are handled gently. This is odd, as *Today* and *Newsnight* continually assure us that Major has not an earthly chance at the next election because his party is split. An off-the-cuff remark by a Cabinet minister that some easily-disposed-of lunatic might challenge for the leadership is reported as though a serious bid is imminent.

BBC pundits of the air assure us that Blair and Labour are the government-in-waiting. Concealing their politics, they pretend to examine them, but leave out the searching questions. Labour is far more split over Europe than the Tories. Some 35-40 per cent of Labour MPs oppose majority voting, which would reduce our Parliament to the status of a glorified county council, with its laws being overturned and the judgments of our courts reversed. They oppose political union and broadly share the approach of John Major and some 75 per cent of the country towards Brussels and all its works, wishing to roll back the unelected bureaucracy and revert to the Common Market.

Their views are seldom sought by *Today* or *Newsnight*, and Blair is never grilled about the deep divisions in his party. Nor is he rigorously interrogated about the exclusion of John Prescott from Labour's election campaign, of which Robin Cook is now in charge. Yet Prescott and Margaret Beckett represent the 43 per cent who voted against Blair becoming party leader.

Boy Blair is not put on the rack over the waffle in his proposed new Clause Four, acclaimed by BBC commentators and presenters as a triumph in modernising Labour. Yes; it is now as modern as a hansom cab.

Mr Blair wants an incomes policy for top earners, which inevitably would have to stretch down to lower earners. Why is he not peppered with questions? He should be sharply tested on John Smith's pledges to the TUC in 1993, to which Blair is committed, to reverse most of Mrs Thatcher's trade union reforms, allowing secondary strikes and picketing, and strikes before ballots. And on his own pledges of higher taxation at almost every level: on his constitutional change without a referendum, and his determination to revoke the social chapter opt-out, with consequent losses in jobs and international competitiveness.

The BBC says it will do so after the election, while most of their current affairs teams are doing their damnedest to secure a Blair victory. It would be too late then to give the audience a fair picture.

On the chin

THE LATE and pulchritudinous Diana Cooper is to have her bosom removed. There are plans to delete her cleavage from a portrait by Rex Whistler.



Diana's bust too high?

Whistler's illustration of Diana crowns the bookplate he designed before the Second World War for Duff Cooper, her husband. It shows her to be uncommonly high-breasted, with a bosom very much closer to her chin than could have been the case.

Her granddaughter, the writer Artemis Cooper, thinks it looks silly. She reproduces the bookmark on headed notepaper for the prestigious Duff Cooper Prize, an award, which she chairs, for historical and biographical works. But for the 40th anniversary of the prize, which falls next year, she is planning to reproduce the image without its high cleavage.

"It just looks so ridiculous. It's just under her neck, far too high up," she explains. "We'll get rid of it I think, but only on the reproductions. We won't touch the original artwork."

The notion of tinkering with Diana Cooper does not meet with the approval of Simon Whistler, the artist's nephew: "My gut reaction is that it shouldn't be done," he says. "Rex's human beings were not always ideal, certainly. But I really do not think this should happen."

● *A roll-call of wartime recipes stands to attention in Marguerite Patten's* The Victory Cookbook, *just launched for the VE Day celebrations. "Carrot Buns" and "Patriotic Pudding" appear nostalgically on the pages, but one recipe probably best forgotten is the "Sheep's Head Roll".*

Rave waived

EVEN THOUGH he may be fighting for his job, Jeremy Hanley is still swinging the axe. The Tory chairman has ordered a halt to plans for a monster "rave" in June for spritely party members.



THE TIMES DIARY

The Summer Youth Festival — billed as offering "24 solid hours of pure, concentrated, non-stop fun and party . . . and more" — was dreamt up by Jeremy Maddocks, the erstwhile youth director at Central Office — a post which has now, thankfully, disappeared.

The festival was to have taken place in the Midlands, with top bands, celebrities and sideshows. "It will be one of the most spectacular high-profile celebrations you have ever seen," ranted the advertising. "It will start at 10am and finish with breakfast the following morning." Cabinet ministers were promised — but not Michael Howard, who brought in a law recently to counter the rave menace.

● *Spotted at the jazz musical* Ain't Misbehavin' *in London's West End on Saturday were Oxford's oarsmen, said to be psyching themselves up for the Boat Race this weekend. "I am trying to teach them rhythm," explained Abbie Chapman, their cox.*

And waning

THE WAITING world has yet to see Pierce Brosnan's James Bond, but progress on his waxwork for Madame Tussaud's is coming along nicely. Between takes on location near Watford this month, modellers have been taking down his vital statistics for a waxwork to stand in a special Bond set, complete with flashing lights and signature tune.

It means the end for Timothy Dalton, who played the character only twice. "We can't have two Bonds, so Mr Dalton will have to go," says a spokeswoman. "But we will be keeping his head."

Sore eyes only

THE CAMBRIDGE UNION is to consider romance at a special May Week debate this summer, and has concocted an unusual variation on the theme. The motion is: "Girls seldom make passes at guys who wear glasses."

Spectacle-wearers proposing are the notoriously rude historian


Amanda hides her eyes

David Starkey and the comedian Kit Hesketh-Harvey. Amanda de Cadenet, the one-time "wild child" and television presenter, who sports dark glasses at any opportunity, will be opposing.

Union president Nicholas Boys Smith says he will be donning specs for the debate, but is keeping his eyes peeled for another speaker in the meantime. "I asked Lindi St Clair to join us but sadly she turned us down."

P·H·S

HOME AND AWAY

Poorer countries should be allowed to export cheaper labour

Companies that complain about being undercut are companies that are not likely to thrive in a competitive world. Countries that complain about being undercut are subject to the same disease. Yesterday the protectionist instincts of France and Germany were paraded to the full as social affairs ministers tried to level up the pay and employment benefits of workers posted to other member states. This posted workers directive may be small fry in the bigger pool of "social Europe"; but it is symptomatic of the visceral hostility that many in Europe still have to the competitive aspects of the single market.

This market was supposed to ensure the free movement of people as well as products. In doing so, it was bound to put direct competitive pressures on the efficiency of each country's labour arrangements. That is what market forces are all about. Thus, if German construction workers cost much more to hire than those from Portugal, the Portuguese will be invited to lay bricks in Berlin.

This is not "exploitation", as the Germans have claimed. The Portuguese workers are doubtless delighted to be paid more than they would be at home, even if the rate is still lower than a German bricklayer would earn. Yet the posted workers directive would give these workers not only the same employment rights as those in the host country, but also the same pay rates. In other words, it would not be worth hiring them in the first place.

Moreover, the directive is absurd in its demands. It says that the host country's working conditions and pay should apply from the first day of work. This would give rise to ridiculous calculations: a British engineer sent out all over Europe to repair machinery might be entitled to an extra eighth of a day's holiday from his Tuesday in Frankfurt, and different redundancy provisions from his week in Seville.

This directive is not only hopelessly impractical. It is also wrong in principle, as it seeks to deny one of the easiest ways for a poor country to enrich itself — the export of its labour. It is hardly surprising that Ireland and Portugal sided with Britain yesterday in opposing the directive. For if Europe is to work as an economic construct, it must allow poorer countries the chance to better themselves through their own efforts. Yet all the thinking behind a "social" Europe seems to be to fossilise the differences between member states as they are today. Germany wants to export its labour costs to the other member states, thus ensuring that they remain as uncompetitive as it is.

Unfortunately, these arguments are rather theoretical because, if the directive does not pass, countries will simply pass domestic laws to the same effect. France, Belgium and Luxembourg have done so already. Germany looks set to follow suit. The French were particularly vociferous yesterday since, if ministers at the next social affairs council decide to compromise by allowing a week's work overseas before the provisions come into force, that would actually water down France's own laws.

But the directive, and the arguments that surround it, are nonetheless illustrative of a wider struggle within Europe. The other member states are still furious about Britain's opt-out from the social chapter and are determined to lassoo this country into conformity. At the inter-governmental conference next year, they will put Britain under pressure to jettison the opt-out. In the meantime, they are trying to force social legislation on the UK, masquerading as either single market or health and safety directives. On this issue, at least, Europe is emphatically not going Britain's way.

AN OVERDUE DISMISSAL

Mandela's ex-wife is now also his ex-minister

In deciding yesterday to relieve Winnie Mandela of her post of Deputy Minister for Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, President Mandela has not only rid his Government of a convicted kidnapper; he has rid it, also, of its most corrosive influence. To dismiss his estranged wife, to whom he must still feel personally tied by his past, cannot have been a comfortable decision for Mr Mandela. That, in part, should explain the unhurried pace at which he has responded to Mrs Mandela's misbehaviour.

Yet the real reason for the delay in her dismissal lay not in sentiment: it lay instead in the perception that Mrs Mandela was too popular to be jettisoned from Government, and too well loved by the rank and file of the African National Congress (ANC) to be subjected to conventional rules of discipline. The mounting evidence of misconduct, however, ranging from alleged embezzlement to grotesque attacks on the Government of which she was ostensibly a member, made it increasingly difficult for Mr Mandela to deal with her.

Mrs Mandela treated her office and responsibilities with such disdain that even her most steadfast supporters in the Government, including Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, became incensed enough to oppose her. A brief account of Mrs Mandela's activities in February alone is revealing: on the 5th, she made a speech in public lambasting the Government for "pandering to the whites"; her despotic approach to the presidency of the ANC Women's League set off a flurry of resignations on the 10th; on the 13th was revealed the disappearance of $140,000, given to the ANC Women's League by Benazir Bhutto; and on the 23rd, in defiance of an order from Mr Mandela explicitly forbidding her from doing so, Mrs Mandela embarked on a trip to West Africa.

But for the intervention of the Queen's visit to South Africa, Mr Mandela might have sacked his estranged wife a few days earlier. The question now, however, is not whether his timing in the matter was correct; but how the Government might best meet the threat of a splenetic Mrs Mandela as she seeks to kindle fire in the party's grass roots. There can be little doubt that she will attempt to take her "message" and her rancour to the townships and the sullen squatter camps, to the urban and rural poor, and to all those who regard themselves as still excluded from the political and economic mainstream of a democratic South Africa.

The popularity of the self-styled "Mother of the Nation", which is thought to be considerable, must not be confused with her power, which is limited. Stripped of her position in Government, under investigation for a variety of corruption charges, and now with the range of her own party's machinery directed against her, Mrs Mandela's room for manoeuvre is tightly circumscribed.

Her ability to disrupt the smooth course of affairs, however, is potentially immense: particularly insidious is her propagation of a culture of racial confrontation and entitlement. The Government will have to counter Mrs Mandela with an offensive of its own. Mr Mandela himself must seize every chance to reach out to her followers. They are, after all, his followers as well, and Mrs Mandela is no match for him.

BRAVE NEWFIE WORLD

Fish, folklore and fierce islanders

What is black and blue and floats in the bay? Answer: A mainlander, after telling a Newfie joke. A month ago, jokes involving the people of Newfoundland — or "Newfies" — would have fallen flat outside North America. Yet the maritime struggle between the fishermen of this Canadian province and their Spanish adversaries has made an unlikely international hero of the Newfie. As this particular joke suggests, he has long been the victim of ethnic put-downs. But, as the trawlermen of Spain have learnt the hard way, he never takes an insult lying down.

Whatever the niceties of international fishing rights, it has been hard not to cheer on the Newfoundlanders in the transatlantic squabbles of the past few weeks. In comparison with the desire of ordinary Canadians to save their livelihood, the pomposity of the European Union has been breathtaking. Yesterday the EU Fisheries Commissioner, Emma Bonino, complained that the cutting of a Spanish trawler's nets on Sunday was an act of "international piracy". This is surely a disproportionate reaction to a complex international dilemma. Most people's instinctive sympathies, indeed, will lie with the frustrated fishermen of Newfoundland rather than the bloated bureaucracy which is taking them on.

Newfoundlanders exemplify a robust insularity which most outsiders do not wish to share. Their simple lifestyle on the easternmost tip of the North American continent has inspired a whole genre of jokes assuming the stupidity and backwardness of the stereotypical Newfie. In this sense, Newfoundlanders are to other North Americans what the Irish are to the English, and the people of Kerry are to other Irishmen. They share this fate with many other minorities around the world, particularly those who are separated from the majority by geography.

Their remoteness makes them Other. But it can also make them seem admirable — as in this case. The cold winters, storms and fogs of this inhospitable landscape have bred in its inhabitants a tough resilience to which the bureaucrats of Brussels have no ready response. The Newfoundlanders also have a clear sense of their own ethnic identity. More than 90 per cent of them are of British descent, the vast majority with roots in Devon, Cornwall, Dorset and Somerset. Though there are five main dialects on the island, the strongest strain is thought to resemble the West Country accent of the 17th century, with a hint of Irish.

Alongside this linguistic heritage has grown a vibrant tradition of folklore and folk songs. If you respect his fishing rights, the Newfie will sing to you in warm, Celtic tones of the island discovered by Vikings and again by Cabot. To the rest of the world, Newfoundland may seem a bleak and isolated place. But to its inhabitants, it is a rugged Shangri-La set aside for those made of the right stuff. The island's battle against the Spaniards will not stem the flow of Newfie jokes. But they may now be told with a little more respect.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Blair's beliefs on freedom of choice

From Mr Nicholas Bennett

Sir, I looked in vain for any mention of choice, the prerequisite for responsibility, in Tony Blair's *Spectator* lecture (report, March 23). If people have little or no alternative to the services provided by the State, and little say in what is provided, they will refuse to take responsibility for decisions imposed by the State.

It has been Labour governments who have steadily reduced the freedom of choice of ordinary people. Direct-grant schools and grammar schools were replaced by neighbourhood comprehensive schools, private beds were abolished in NHS hospitals and public transport was nationalised.

Conservative legislation to create more choice and to provide the necessary information to allow informed choice by publishing exam results, allowing schools to opt out of LEA control, giving council tenants the right to run their own estates and doctors to hold their own budgets have all been opposed by the Labour Party with the help of Mr Blair's vote.

Notwithstanding recent tax increases, it is still the Labour Party which believes, as a matter of principle, that high government spending and taxes are an end in themselves and, despite the assurance given by Gordon Brown during a radio interview in January 1994, not a day goes by when a Labour spokesman does not complain about "government underfunding".

There is no reason to believe that a future Labour government's tax policy would be any different to its predecessors'. Personal taxation will be increased and with every turn of the ratchet the ability of more and more families to choose whether to use the State's services or pay to purchase from the private sector will be removed.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS BENNETT
(Conservative MP for Pembroke, 1987-92; Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales, 1990-92),
7 Haredon Close, SE23.
March 23.

From Professor Emeritus H. MacL. Currie

Sir, Alone among the ancient systems of thought Stoicism explicitly recognised and made psychological allowance for the motive of duty, a motive for which the Romans already had a deep natural respect. And last century Thomas Carlyle said: "When in doubt, do the duty nearest you." I, as an old-fashioned Conservative, welcome Tony Blair's recent teaching on this subject: if he gets in next time and he is not hoodwinking us, I feel that we'll be safe.

Yours truly,
H. MacL. CURRIE.
25 West Street, Yarm, Cleveland.
March 24.

From Mr Kevin Kerrigan

Sir, Tony Blair thinks that Responsibility should be the "fourth R" and he has no room in his "R-list", it seems, for Rights. He forgets that education about rights is a precondition to a proper understanding of responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
KEVIN KERRIGAN,
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Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Mr Michael James

Sir, "The rights we receive should reflect the duties that we owe" — Tony Blair.

"From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs" — Karl Marx.

Not much has changed.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL JAMES,
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St Johns Wood, NW8.

Words perfect

From Mr R. M. Maxtone Graham

Sir, The terseness of the Scots Act of 1621 "anent hunting and haulking" did not, as Mr Nolf claims (letter, March 24), prevent lawyers arguing about its loopholes. They did so for centuries. The Court of Session reviewed the older judgments in *Trotter of Mortonhall against MacEwan* (Faculty Cases, July 8, 1809), holding that "hunting" no longer meant just with dogs but also "with fowling pieces as now practised in this kingdom".

The court also decided that an owner of a ploughgate could "by the constant usage of Scotland" permit the taking of game on his land by an unqualified person. Curiously, this rule did not apply to leaseholders.

Balfour's *Practicks* said that "ane pleugh sould contene viii oxengang" etc, but legal draughtsmen thought otherwise (Bell's *Dictionary and Digest of the Law of Scotland*, 1890, under the heading "Ploughgate of land"). Other "doubts and questions" raised by the far from clear Act of 1621 are discussed in *The Game Laws of Scotland* by Ness, 1818, pages 26-53 and 177-220.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MAXTONE GRAHAM,
6 Moat Sole, Sandwich, Kent.
March 24.

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Sentence reforms called in question

From Mr Paul Cavadino

Sir, The Magistrates' Association's dubious reaction to the Home Secretary's proposals to replace community service and probation orders with a single community sentence (report, later editions, March 16) coincides with the widespread feeling among organisations working with offenders that this is change for change's sake.

Judges and magistrates can already include a range of requirements in probation, supervision and combination orders and can combine different sentences where appropriate. While courts wish to know what will happen to the offender when they pass a community sentence, there is little evidence that they want to control all the details of a supervision programme.

The arguments for abolishing the distinction between probation and community service orders are not persuasive. In some cases where a straightforward punishment is required, community service orders can be a highly appropriate sentence.

Where intensive work is needed to overcome drug or alcohol problems or to change offending behaviour and attitudes, probation may be a more suitable option. Courts can combine probation and community service when they see fit, but it is not always appropriate to do so.

Research has shown that certain types of community supervision programmes can reduce reoffending rates by between 20 and 50 per cent. However, the availability of these programmes is currently patchy. Initiatives to extend them to many more offenders would do far more to reduce crime than changing the names of sentences.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL CAVADINO,
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March 16.

From His Honour Judge John Beashel

Sir, The day after the Home Secretary published the Green Paper proposing a new single community sentence and a general "toughening up" of such penalties I chaired a sentencing forum in Dorset of 25 probation officers.

The probation officers were earlier supplied with the facts of 13 cases which the Attorney-General had referred to the Court of Appeal on the basis that the sentences imposed by the Crown Court were unduly lenient. They were told of the sentences imposed by the judge at first instance but were not told of the Court of Appeal decisions. The cases included robbery, causing grievous bodily harm with intent and causing death by dangerous driving.

All participants agreed the penalties imposed by the judge at first instance were unduly lenient. The large majority would have increased the original penalty beyond that eventually imposed by the Court of Appeal.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BEASHEL,
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Clinton and VE-Day

From Mr Roland Shaw

Sir, As an American who has had the privilege of being a guest in your country for over 30 years and as a combat pilot from 1941 to 1945, I am deeply angry about the decision of President Clinton not to attend VE ceremonies here on May 8 (report, March 20).

That the reason is "purely logistical" is insulting, especially when tied to the President's Russian visit on May 9 to a country with which the USA has had strained relations, to say the least, over the past 40-odd years.

My fellow Americans in the United Kingdom will surely join me in hoping that our British friends will recognise the President's decision as indicative of his level of competence and judgment and in no way reflecting the will of the American people. We will never forget the courage of the British people when your country stood alone facing the enemy.

Yours faithfully,
R. SHAW,
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Shalden, Alton, Hampshire.
March 21.

From Mrs Sheila Jones

Sir, As long as the American soldiers who fought in Europe — storming beaches in Italy and France with the British, the Canadians and hosts of other freedom groups to liberate the rest of Europe in 1945 — will come and take part in the VE-Day celebrations, I am sure we will be able to bear the absence of Mr Clinton.

Yours faithfully,
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Hampstead, NW3.
March 20.

Trade with Africa

From Mr Tom Carver

Sir, Simon Jenkins, in his article, "Just leave Africa alone", on March 22 [letters, March 25], strikes a chord but not the right note. He is right to say that what Africa needs is more trade and less aid. But, as I'm sure he knows, in order to trade you must have capital.

I know several bright entrepreneurs in South Africa's biggest township, Soweto, who have the drive and the right product to trade successfully but cannot get anywhere because no bank will advance them a loan.

It's hard enough to get a loan to start a business in Britain — can you imagine what it's like in Soweto? Yet the Western world is awash with money sloshing uselessly between the currency and futures markets.

If even a tiny percentage of that was injected into Africa, in the way Americans injected capital into Europe after World War Two or into Japan during the Korean War, we would see a transformation.

Having spent the last three years travelling the length and breadth of Africa as a journalist, I have witnessed at first hand its pathetic attempts to embrace the free market and am convinced that we must help the continent to escape from its poverty trap.

Africa has no need of hand-outs; but if aid takes the form of small business loans at a humane rate of return then I for one would welcome it.

Yours faithfully,
TOM CARVER,
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Tooting, SW17.
March 23.

Could feel better

From Mrs Moira Marland

Sir, Surely, the only people in the UK who currently "feel good" are those foreign investors — such as BMW of Germany — who, having bought a core UK manufacturing company for a song, can now produce a first-class product with the added bonus of being able to pay their employees with an increasingly worthless currency. How is anyone supposed to "feel good" about working for something that has little value outside the UK?

Yours sincerely,
MOIRA MARLAND,
12 St Martins Avenue, Epsom, Surrey.
March 21.

From Mrs Eloïse Akpan

Sir, I will "feel good" when the state of repair of my grand-daughter's school is as good or better than that of the local betting shop.

Yours faithfully,
ELOÏSE AKPAN,
28 Hurlstone Road, SE25.

Over troubled waters

From Dr Max Gammon

Sir, A sign at Westminster Bridge says that the road works which have been disrupting traffic for the past few months will not be completed until September 1996. I pass there at least twice a week and have rarely seen more than half-a-dozen men at work. At times the site seems deserted.

In any other capital city, outside the Third World, repairs would surely have been completed by a massive team working round the clock, seven days a week.

Yours faithfully,
MAX GAMMON,
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92 Southwark Park Road, SE16.
March 25.

Fleming's cure

From Mrs Carol Fallon

Sir, Towards the end of the last war my father, a company sergeant major with the 7th/9th Royal Scots, had been badly wounded. In hospital in Belgium he was approached during a ward round by a doctor whom he had not seen before. The doctor looked at his leg and said: "It's all right laddie, they want to take it off but don't worry, I've told them to give you penicillin first and I know you will be fine!"

Yes, it was Sir Alexander Fleming. My father, now 75, is still playing golf on his own two legs. Lord Lovat (obituary, March 17) was not the only Scot to have this great man's special attention (Diary, March 18).

Yours sincerely,
CAROL FALLON,
6 Edgerton Drive,
Tadcaster, North Yorkshire.
March 18.

Pugin window

From the Vicar of Sherborne

Sir, The Director of the Victorian Society may be right (letter, March 27) that your readers would not recognise the features, or lack of them, of Mr Blobby in Sherborne Abbey's west window. But our young visitors frequently do.

Dr Filmer-Sankey should defer to their judgment: they, not he, are the Blobby experts.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC WOODS,
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March 27.

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New approach to breast cancer cure

From Professor Michael Baum

Sir, Earlier this month I attended a three-day conference in St Gallen, Switzerland, on the management of early breast cancer. I was one of 1,000 specialists from all round the world.

The final session was devoted to developing a consensus on the management of all stages of this dreadful disease. For once there was little acrimony, and agreement on the state of the art was arrived at quickly by a panel representing international opinion leaders.

The use of high-dose chemotherapy with some form of bone-marrow transplant, such as that advocated recently in your columns by Dr Gwyneth Vorhaus ("Why did I have to battle for the treatment that I need?", Body and Mind, March 7), was considered experimental and not for recommendation outside randomised controlled trials.

It is of course possible that such trials will demonstrate a modest advance over conventional chemotherapy given after standard surgery. My personal view, however, is that this approach echoes the death throes of the conventional belief system and is analogous to the demise of the extended radical mastectomies fashionable in America in the late 1950s.

As the limitations of post-operative chemotherapy are becoming accepted, a better understanding of the cell and molecular biology of breast cancer is being incorporated into our models of the disease. Many of us believe that the future lies not in a blunderbuss attack attempting to eradicate all cancer cells present at the time of diagnosis, but a more sophisticated attempt to maintain a dynamic equilibrium controlling the disease by the modulation of the body's natural defence systems.

Pursuing this type of approach will lead to more humane and ultimately more successful treatments than the futile attempts to kill off all remaining cancer cells in the body. More of the same has never been the answer to the intractable problems of human disease.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL BAUM,
The Royal Marsden NHS Trust,
Fulham Road, SW3.
March 9.

NHS consultants

From Mr P. C. May, FRCS

Sir, I am personally involved in an Audit Commission survey of all hospital doctors, including consultants, which seeks to enlarge on its recently published 26-hospital mini-survey ("Consultants neglect NHS for lucrative private practice", March 15).

Assuming the methodology used in the pilot study was the same as that being used in our hospital, the commission's questionnaire about outpatient doctors would not have allowed explanations for consultants' absence such as annual leave, higher training courses or management meetings.

All such absences could on this basis be misleadingly construed as consultants shirking, but annual and study leave alone can account for more than the number of fixed clinics and operating sessions you reported as having been missed.

Neither is the commission including in its survey here an investigation of time spent on in-patient management, ward rounds, clinical administration, or "on call" duties at evenings and weekends. If the collecting of data is so blinkered, then the resulting report is hardly likely to give a fair picture.

No one in my hospital neglects NHS work for private practice. We all devote above and beyond our contract to the NHS. I believe the same to be true for 99 per cent of hospitals and consultants in the UK.

Yours sincerely,
PETER C. MAY,
The Princess Royal Hospital
NHS Trust,
Apley Castle,
Telford, Shropshire.
March 16.

Season's cheer

From Commander T. V. G. Binney, RN (retd)

Sir, In this household, we too were at first bemused by the Royal Mail's offering for "springtime" of what appears to be a fossilised mollusc (Mr Melville's letter, March 24) but after a little thought the answer was obvious: what we have here is an example of a very ancient pre-Lamontian green shoot. At only 25p, surely a price well worth paying.

Yours faithfully,
GILES BINNEY,
Close Cottage,
Rogate, Petersfield, Hampshire.
March 24.

From Professor B. G. J. Upton

Sir, Mr Melville complains that a recent stamp "appears to depict a gloomy old fossil". Old, no doubt. But why gloomy? I believe it was Ogden Nash who penned the lines: "The fossil looked at me and winked. It's rather fun to be extinct."

Yours sincerely,
B. G. J. UPTON,
59 Belwood Road,
Milton Bridge, Midlothian.
March 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 27: The Prince Edward this morning visited The Queen's Flight at Royal Air Force Benson, Oxfordshire.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 27: The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Scotland, this morning visited Hamilton Citizens Advice Bureau, Almada Tower, 67 Almada Street, Hamilton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lanarkshire (Mr Hutchinson Sneddon).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Citizens Advice Scotland, afterwards visited Motherwell and Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau, 32 Civic Square, Motherwell, Lanarkshire.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, this afternoon attended a board meeting at 84 George Street, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 27: The Prince of Wales this afternoon received the Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury).

His Royal Highness, Patron, the National Trust Centenary Appeal, this evening introduced a Lecture by Mrs Rosemary Verey about the garden at Highgrove House and afterwards attended a Reception at the South Bank Centre, London SE1.

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 27: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon opened John Wesley's House, Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Centre, City Road, London EC1.

Miss Helen Tughan was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Gordon Adam, MEP, 61; Miss Rosemary Ashe, soprano, 42; Sir Dirk Bogarde, actor, 74; the Hon George Bruce, portrait painter, 65; Mr Steve Bull, footballer, 30; Professor Lord Butterfield, former Master, Downing College, Cambridge, 75; Sir Robert Clarke, chairman, United Biscuits (Holdings), 66; Mr Richard Eyre, artistic director, National Theatre, 52; Mr Robert Harris, actor, 95; Mr James Hawley, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, 58; Professor Peter Hennessy, contemporary historian, 48; Mr Peter Holwell, Principal, London University, 59; Professor G.T. Houlsby, civil engineer, 41; Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, 80; Lord Judd, 60; Mr Neil Kinnock, European Commissioner, 53; Mr Raymond Lister, artist and author, 76; Mr Martin Neary, Organist and Master of the Choristers, Westminster Abbey, 55; Mr Michael Parkinson, broadcaster, 60; Dr D.H. Roberts, Provost, University College London, 63; Professor Merton Sandler, chemical pathologist, 69; Sir John Stephenson, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 85; Mr Richard Stilgoe, lyricist, 52; Mr Peter Wilmot-Sitwell, former vice-chairman, S G Warburg Group, 60.

Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham, KCB, DSO*, OBE, DFC*, AFC, will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 1995, at 11.30am at St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2.

Mr Louis Heren

A memorial service for Louis Heren, a former deputy editor of *The Times*, will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at 11.30 today.

Queen Margaret's School, York

Queen Margaret's School, York, announces the award of the following Scholarships for September 1995:

Academic
11+ Entrance: Lydia Chase, Wakefield Girls High; Jennifer Noyes, Hambleton Primary.
Sixth Form: Caroline Ellison, QMS; Nicole Bowman, QMS.

Music
13+ Entrance: Helen Woodward, International School, Copenhagen.
Sixth Form: Charlotte Bryers, Queen Mary's, Baldersby.

Dinners

Plumbers' Company
Mr John Jones, Master of the Plumbers' Company, presided, assisted by the Wardens, at the annual dinner of the Plumbers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. The Bishop of St Albans, Alderman Sir Francis McWilliams and Mr Jack Jeffery, Upper Warden, also spoke. The Ambassador of Russia was among the guests.

Cardiff Business Club
The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, HM Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor J.R. Phillips, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Mr Howard Davies, Director-General, Confederation of British Industry. Mr Dyfrig D.J. John, Development Board for Rural Wales, presided.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Dr Barry Blight of the Department of Statistics, London School of Economics and Political Science, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Mairi Raddiff presided.

ANDREW LAWSON/A.G. CARRICK LTD



The Prince of Wales walking in the grounds of Highgrove House with the garden expert Rosemary Verey who was involved in their design. The Prince, Patron of the National Trust Centenary Appeal, last night introduced a lecture by Mrs Verey on *Highgrove — The Prince of Wales's Garden*, at the South Bank Centre, London, as part of the trust's centenary celebrations

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend the dedication of a memorial bell to Sir Gordon Richards at Kintbury Church, Berkshire, at 5.30.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and attend a luncheon at Church House at 11.10 to mark the commission's 25th anniversary; will attend the launch of the British Chapter of the World Monuments Fund in Britain at Spencer House at 3.00; and will attend a reception given by the Trustees of the Brogdale Horticultural Trust at St James's Palace at 6.00 to launch the appeal for the International Fruit Centre.

The Princess Royal, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend St Bartholomew's Hospital Choir and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra concert at the Albert Hall at 6.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a reception at the Guards' Museum, Wellington Barracks, at 7.00 to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the League of Friends, the Royal Marsden NHS trust.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Lake District search and mountain rescue teams at the Post Graduate Centre, Furness General Hospital, Dalton Lane, at 12.05; will open the Crossdell Wing, Ostley House Home for the Blind, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, at 1.00; and will open the Furness and District Magistrates Courthouse, Abbey Road, at 2.25.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Raphael, painter, Urbino, Italy, 1483; St Teresa of Avila, Avila, Spain, 1515; Johann Comenius, educator, Nivnice, Czechoslovakia, 1592; King George I, reigned 1714-27, Osnabruck, Germany, 1660; Pierre Simon, Marquis de Laplace, astronomer, Trouville, France, 1749; Thomas Clarkson, abolitionist, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, 1760; Aristide Briand, 11 times Premier of France, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Nantes, 1862; Maxim Gorky, novelist, Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, 1868; Paul Whiteman, bandleader, Denver, Colorado, 1891; Corneille Heymans, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1938, Ghent, 1892; Dame Flora Robson, actress, South Shields, 1902.

DEATHS: Wenceslaus Hollar, engraver, London, 1677; Peg Woffington, actress, London, 1760; Sir Ralph Abercromby, general, on board flagship *Foudroyant*, 1801; William Thornton, architect, Washington, 1828; Modest Mussorgsky, composer, St Petersburg, 1881; Virginia Woolf, novelist and critic, committed suicide, Rodmell, Sussex, 1941; Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer and pianist, Beverly Hills, California, 1943; Stephen Leacock, economist and humorous writer, Toronto, 1944; Dwight Eisenhower, general, 34th American President 1953-61, Washington, 1969; Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick 1953-75, London, 1975; Marc Chagall, painter, French Riviera, 1985.

The Crimean War began, 1854.

The Spanish Civil War ended, 1939.

Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in March 1995. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC:

S H Baguley, M Barnard, M S Beevers, P Bhattacharyya, F Breslin, P G Bruce, S Drinkrow, B R T Garrett, D Green, C R Hall, R A Hearmon, R C Humphreys, A J Humphries, B P S Khambay, P D Leeson, G McKay, R H Mehra, M S Mohan, P J O'Hanlon, J E Pitts, D W H Rankin, P Ravenscroft, R Ritzner, P J Sidebotnom, R McK Stewart, M J Witty.

Reception

International Theatre Institute
Mr Neville Shulman, Director of the British International Theatre Institute, presided at the annual award ceremony held yesterday at the Theatre Museum. Mr Bill Patterson presented the ITI Award for Excellence in International Theatre to the Traverse Theatre and Mr Ian Spink presented the ITI Award for Excellence in International Dance to the International Workshop Festival.

Luncheons

Royal Over-Seas League
The High Commissioner for Belize and Viscount Waverley were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Royal Over-Seas League yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Peter McEntee, chairman, and members of the central council were the hosts.

Pilgrims
Ambassador Richard N. Gardner was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a luncheon given by the Pilgrims yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, president, was in the chair. Mr Robert Worcester, chairman of the executive committee, also spoke. Among those present were:

The American Ambassador and Mrs Crowe, Lord Astor of Hever, Lady Duncan-Sandys, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, Sir Christopher France, Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Sir Peter Marshall, Sir Frank Roberts, Mr and Mrs Edward Streator, Mrs Barbara Thomas, Mr Timothy Deal, Mr John Fingleton, Miss Nina Gardner and Mr Waleyn J. Lewis.

Latest wills

Mr Alexander Graeme Dickson, of Chiswick, west London, founder of Voluntary Service Overseas and Community Service Volunteers, left estate valued at £855,512 net.

Sir Gordon Coligny Whitteridge, Farnham, Surrey, former ambassador to Burma and Afghanistan, left estate valued at £371,928 net.

Church news

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Christina Hunt, Curate (NSM), Alderbury Team Ministry (Salisbury): retired as from December 16 1994.

The Rev Robert Jones, Priest-in-charge, St John the Baptist, Cragg Vale (Wakefield): to retire as from May 31.

The Rev Dwight Longenecker, Vicar, St Mary, Brading w St John, Yaverland, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth): resigned as from February 28.

The Rev Preb David Miller: to retire as Vicar, Wedmore w Theale and Blackford and as Prebendary of Whitelackington (Bath and Wells) as from May 31.

CASTME

The Hon Sir Humphrey Maud, Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth (Economic and Social Affairs) welcomed participants to the award ceremony of the Commonwealth Association of Science, Technology and Mathematics Educators (CASTME) held last night at Marlborough House, by courtesy of the Commonwealth Secretariat. Professor Arthur Lucas, Principal of King's College, London, was the guest speaker and Dr Andrew Salisbury, Chairman of the CASTME Council, also spoke. Dr Maurice Goldsmith, Founder President of CASTME, introduced the award winners who were science, technology and mathematics teachers from seven Commonwealth countries.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. Cambouropoulos and Miss F. Buchanan
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Constantine Cambouropoulos, of Ashcroft, Ringmer, Sussex, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Buchanan, of 1 Stonecroft, Stone, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T.R. George and Miss S.P. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Captain John George, of Slad, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Gillian MacInnes, of Oddington, Gloucestershire, and Sophie, daughter of Mr John Edwards, of Caradoc, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, and Mrs Jeremy Hickman, of Ludlow, Shropshire.

Mr D.J. Glover and Miss C.J. Gibson
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs James Glover, of Angmering, West Sussex, and Cathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Gibson, of New Barn, Kent.

Mr A.J.T. Robarts and Miss K.E. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Adam, elder son of Patrick and Geraldine Robarts, of Nairobi and Kampala, and Karyn, only daughter of Lloyd and Norma Wilson, of Ottawa.

European Engineers

The following United Kingdom engineers have been awarded the qualification European Engineer by the European Federation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI) entitling them to use the letters Eur Ing as a prefix to their names:

G A Aggidis, C Aldis, S Argent, C Atkinson, S Beedle, J Beetham, G T Biddis, M C Biley, S L M Binks, P Bonner, P M Bradbury, P Bradshaw, D G Brady, J D Buck, J Capewell, B J Christophersen, D Cooper, M J Cope, A B R Cotterill, I Crawford, A Cullington, L Dudley, R G Ellwood, A Elwin, S D Farley, M R Fearn, R Fee, A D Ferguson, A C Fieldsend, G E Forster, J M Forsyth.

T H Hastelow, R Hepworth, S L G Hill, B Hilmi, S Hindsberg, R W Hughes, B G Hunt, D Jenkins, C J Johnson-Newell, M Joly, H Jones, K M Jones, M Jowsey, W H J Kelly, J Kelsey, M Kent, R Kerby, S Kershaw, S Khairah, S Kurrul, J Lall, R Lapsley, A Lapworth, C Lilavivat, R R Lundqvist, G Luxton, P Lynch, G Lyons, J Manson, D Martin, D H Maunder, J W McAvoy, K McDonald, D C J H Meredith, C Metcalf, A R Mokhber, P A Morgan, M Morrell, J M Munene, I Newman, K Norton.

R D Oldman, M Oram, R Parry, M Patrick, P Pearce, A Pearson, M Pinfold, G Player, A B Plumb, G Povey, S Reynish, H P Roberts, G Robinson, P Robson, P J Rowe, L Sarin, M Sarjeant, P Scott, G J Searle, G Self, G Shaw, S S Shoker, E W Singleton, C W Smith, J H Smith, B T Sturman-Mole, M Taheri, A P Taylor, B F Thurmond, C Y D Ting, J W Tonge, T Totev, D P Walker, L A Walker, J H Wardle, R Warren, S Watson, D L Webster, O C Whiteaker, D Whitelaw, L T Whitfield, B Wijayaratne, P J Willows, J C M Wong, D R Woodhams, G Yevko, B Young.

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BIRTHS

ADAMS - On March 19th 1995, to Jane (née Law) and Giles, a son, James.

ADLER - On 22nd March, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Charlotte (née Cox) and Timothy, a son, John Louis.

AFIF - On March 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Asala Aldhabbi and Tarek, a bouncing boy, Rami, a brother for Einas.

CASHEL - On March 18th, at The Portland Hospital, to Virginia and Martin, a daughter, Sophie Marie, a sister for Matthew and Pia.

CHRISTMAS - On 7th March, to Nicki (née Berger-North) and Robin, a daughter, Bryony Grace Jane, a sister for Alexander.

DENNE - On 26th March to Piers and Melanie (née Arnold) a daughter, Amelia Kate, a sister for Harry and Freddie.

DENT - On 24th March 1995, to Anita (née Lowenstein) and Jonathan, a son, Harry James Edward.

DUNN - On March 24th 1995, to Annabel (née Stephenson) and Paul, a daughter, Roseanna Mary, a sister for Toby.

FITZHERBERT - On 23rd March, at Derby City Hospital, to Caroline and Richard, a son, Frederick David, already a Manchester United fan.

GEORGE - On 24th March 1995, to Phillipa (née Brown) and Paul, a daughter, Annabelle Mary, a sister for Robert.

HUTTON - On 23rd March, to Cathy and Edward, a son, Andrew Philip Kilpatrick, a brother for Emma and Peter.

KRUCZYK - On 24th March, at The Wellington Hospital, to Florence and Mirek, a son, Martin Louis, a brother for Benjamin.

MACKINLAY - On 21st March 1995, to Pamela (née Rose) and Donald, a beautiful and dearly wanted daughter and grand-daughter, Hannah Rose.

MILNE - On March 23rd 1995, to Françoise (née Sevaux) and Simon, a daughter, Charlotte Susan Christine.

MINES - On March 26th 1995, at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Ingham) and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Alice Helena Emmeline.

O'DONNELL - A son for Hugh and Jane (née Hunt), on 23rd March 1995, at The Margot Perot Hospital, Dallas, Texas. Matthew Alexander Joseph.

PALARM - On March 25th, to Carolyn and Tim, a precious daughter, Anna Jessica.

ROTHSCHILD - On 25th March 1995, at University College Hospital, to Madeleine (née Ehren) and Simon, a son, Benedict Hugo William.

BIRTHS

ROULSTON - To Jacqui (née Mather) and Joe, a son, David Thomas Alexander, born on 23rd March 1995. Many Thanks to all Staff at The Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh.

SCOTT - On March 23rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Lisa (née Merrito) and Gordon, a beautiful daughter, Emma Joanne, a sister for James.

TEUMISSEN-PIGOTT - On 25th March 1995, to Caroline and Frank, a daughter, Eline, a sister for Elsemiek and Jessica, a cousin for Lucinda and William Pigott.

TILLYARD - On 25th March 1995, at Queen Mary's Roehampton, to Emma (née Thomas) and Guy, a daughter Matilda.

ZAFAR - On March 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Farah and Azeem, a beautiful daughter, Zaynah, a sister for Zlad.

DEATHS

ANDREW - On March 23rd Edward Michael, suddenly but peacefully in hospital. Dear husband of Felicity and step-father of David and Ben. No funeral, he left his body for medical research. Donations if wished to the Stroke Association, William Moon Lodge, The Linkway, Brighton, BN1 7EJ or The League of Friends, Worthing Hospital.

ANGEL - Roland Eric Angel MBBS (Lon), DA, FFARCS, (Sam). On March 26th aged 91 after a long illness peacefully borne in the loving care of Kernow House Nursing Home. Loved and loving husband of Dorothy for over 62 years. Father of Charles, father-in-law of Laura and caring grandfather of Maria-Vitoria, William, Ilona, Sara, Katie and Cristina, and great-grandfather of Laura, Ian, Sian, Tillie and Emma. Burial service is private. Memorial service at a later date. No flowers. Inquiries to Maddaford Funeral Services, Launceston, Cornwall. Requiescat in pace.

BACON - Robina (née Dalimeyer) musician and teacher. Dearly beloved wife of Tony, loving mother of Roderick, Hugo, Thomas, Claire and Krissie, and step-mother of Richard, the late Michael, and Tim, peacefully and with great courage after a short illness, on 24th March 1995. Funeral service at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Kimpton, Herts on Friday 31st March at 2:30 pm. Family flowers only please. Memorial event to take place at a date to be announced.

BROWELL - Serena Frances (née Notley), on Saturday 25th March 1995, peacefully at The Memorial Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia. Most beloved wife of the late Harry Browell and adored mother of Hugh, Anthony, Catherine and Penelope.

DEATHS

BRYANT - On March 23rd, at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford, in his 77th year. Rev. Clive Kemble Bryant. Josephite. Former teacher, bursar, superior. Funeral at St. George's College, Weybridge on Friday March 31st at 10 am. May he rest in peace.

BUHLER - (née Beaumont) Prudence Mary, peacefully on March 23rd. Wife of the late Robert Buhler and mother of Dominic, Rosamund, Adam and William. Requiem Mass to be held at St John's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Norwich on Friday March 31st at 10 am. Family flowers only, donations to the Wisking Well Fund, c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

CALVERT - Peacefully at home on 27th March 1995, Elizabeth Clifton. Beloved wife of Eddy and adored mother of Jinnie and Harry and grandmother of Miranda, Venetia, Piers and Amelia. Funeral 3 pm at St. Saviours Church, Colgate on Tuesday 4th April. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, 10 Beaumont Street, London W1N 2AA.

CAMPBELL - On Friday March 24th, Duncan Campbell MBE, beloved husband of Audrey and loving father of David, Stuart and Gill, devoted grandfather to Suzie, Mark, Catherine, Emma and Christina. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving for his caring life to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bosham, Sussex on Friday April 28th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St. Wilfred's Hospice, Chichester, Sussex.

COOK - On March 24th, 1995, at St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Frances Lady Cook, widow of Sir Edward Cook, I.C.S. and governor of Bank of Egypt; sister of Sheena, step-mother to Janet, Beth, Pal and the late Bernard and John. Funeral on Thursday April 6 at 11:15 am in The Lady Chapel, Chichester Cathedral, followed by cremation. No flowers please, donations to charity. Enquiries to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, tel: (01243) 782136.

EMSON - On March 27th, peacefully at home Air Marshall Sir Reginald Emson, KBE, CB, AFC - Reggie - aged 83. Dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Thanksgiving service, St. Michael's Church, Bray, Maidenhead at 4 pm Friday March 31st.

FEENY - Max Howard, widower of June, on March 24th in Ireland. Much loved father and grandfather. Service at Ballydonaghue Parish Church, Lisselton, Co Kerry on Wednesday 29th March at 11 am.

DEATHS

FEVERSHAM - Anne Countess of Feversham, at Bransdale on March 25th. Funeral at All Saints, Helmsley at 12:30 pm on Friday March 31st. Flowers to the church. No Memorial Service at her request.

FORBES - Peacefully at Arbroath Infirmary, on Saturday 25th March 1995. Robert Brodie Forbes A.R.G.M., A.T.G.I., L.T.C.L., former Principal Teacher of Music at Grove Academy, Broughty Ferry, Dundee. Beloved husband of the late Barbara, much loved father of Ewan, father-in-law of Donna and a dear grandfather of Christopher, Catriona and Gillian. Funeral Service in David Mackay Funeral Home, Gowan Street, Arbroath on Thursday March 30th at 12.30pm thereafter to Dundee Crematorium, arriving 1.30pm. All family and friends respectfully invited.

FOSTER - On March 25th 1995, peacefully at Denham Nursing Home, Bucks, Dorothy aged 98, formerly of Henfield and Guildford. Beloved wife of the late Clarence and much loved mother of Jean, David (Dec'd), Paul, Susan and Mark. Funeral service at Emmanuel Church, Northwood, Middx, Thursday 30th March at 3.00pm followed by cremation. No flowers. Donations to Scripture Union 130 City Road, EC1. Interment of Ashes Friday april 7th at 2.30pm. Henfield Cemetery

HAMILTON - On March 26th 1995, Archibald Dearman O.B.E., of Hermitage, Berkshire, in his 91st year, husband of Joan and father of Joanna and Nigel, grandfather and great-grandfather. Body donated to Medical Research.

HARRIS - On March 26th peacefully after a short illness. Trevor aged 77. Managing Director of D.R. Harris & Co. Limited, 29 St. James's Street. Greatly loved father of Jenny and Tom and a dear brother of Geoffrey and Barbara. Funeral on Monday April 2 at Beckenham Cremalorium at 10.00 am. Family flowers only, donations to The Multiple Sclerosis Society.

HOUGHTON - Mary, late of Canada and Nigeria, died 27th March, mother of Anne and Nicky. Family flowers only. Donations to Charity.

LOXLEY - On March 23rd, Lavender, peacefully at home. Widow of Peter and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Potten End, Friday March 31st at 2:30 pm. Donations if desired for the World Wildlife Fund, c/o G. Hall and Sons, 3 Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

DEATHS

McCALLUM - Peacefully at home in Edinburgh on March 26 1995 after a long illness. Donald Ian McCallum M.C., formerly of Ballachulish, Nottingham and Inverness. Beloved husband of the late Isabel McCallum, dearly loved father of Mary, Isabel and Catriona and grandad of Hannah, Emma, Alastair and Karen. He will be greatly missed by his surviving sister Morag. Funeral service will be at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church on Thursday March 30 at 2:15 pm and thereafter to the Grange Cemetry. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, New Intensive Care Unit.

MILLER - Kirstean Ross (née Orr), on 26th March, beloved wife of Alan John McCulloch, dearly loved mother of Susanne, Michael, Graeme and A.K. Grandmother of Justin, Jamie, Peter, Nicholas, Kirstie, Jennie, Annabelle and Iona. Funeral Service Perth Crematorium, 30th March at 2.30 pm and afterwards at Dollerie Lodge. No flowers please.

MILNER-BARRY - Sir Stuart Milner-Barry KCVO, CB, OBE, on March 26th, 1995, aged 88 after a short illness. Dearly loved husband of Thelma and father of Aida, Jane and Philip. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Great Shelford, Cambridge on Friday 31st March at 12 noon. Thanksgiving service in London to be announced.

MOLESWORTH - On Friday 24th March, peacefully, after a long and full life. Eve, beloved wife of Moley. Funeral 11.30 Friday 31st March St Mary's Church, Langley. No flowers please but donations to Age Concern.

MOORE - Suddenly at home on March 26th 1995, Alick Gibson aged 63. Husband of Erica. Funeral service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Friday March 31st at 1:30 pm. No flowers, if desired donations for, and cheques payable to The Norfolk Wildlife Trust, maybe sent to John Brown Funeral Directors, 102 North Walsham Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR6 7QQ please.

MORGAN - On 25th March, in Portland, Oregon, USA, after a short illness, Constance Morrow Morgan aged 82. Widow of the late Aubrey Morgan formerly of Cardiff.

NEEDHAM - Dr Noël Joseph Terence Montgomery Needham, Ch. FRS, FBA, peacefully at home on March 24th, aged 94, husband of the late Dorothy, FRS, and of the late Gwei-Djen. Fellow and formerly Master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Funeral Service on Friday March 31st at 2.15 in the College Chapel. The main Commemeration will be a Memorial Service to be held next term. No flowers, but donations to the East Asian History of Science Trust, c/o the Needham Research Institute, 8 Sylvester Rd, Cambridge CB3 9AF.

OTTON - Leah, peacefully at Leamington Spa, 23rd March, 1995, aged 91 years. Beloved mother of Philip and loving grandmother of Charles, Sophie and Christian.

PATON - On March 24th, peacefully in hospital, John Adam Dick aged 82. Dearly beloved husband of Dory and much loved father to Felicity.

PATERSON - Michael. On 21st March in his 66th year. Solicitor in Midhurst for forty years. Thanksgiving service in Midhurst Church at 5.00 pm on 24th April. Donations to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

PROCTOR - On March 24th 1995, in Guildford, peacefully after a short illness. Rosemarie Therese. Dearly beloved wife of Philip and mother of Sarah, Jonathon, Dominic, Edmund, Claudia, Giles, Stephen and Daniel and grandmother to 14 grandchildren. The funeral service will take place at St Joseph's Church, Guildford on Friday 31st March at 11 am. Donations payable to The St Luke's Cancer Fund, c/o Pimms Funeral Service, Mary Road, Guildford GU1 4QX.

PRYOR - On 25th March 1995, peacefully at home after a long illness, Kenric Cambridge. In his 92nd year, beloved husband of the late Eileen, dear father of Ann and grandfather of Sara and Cathy. Funeral service in St Mary the Virgin Church, Newport at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday 29th March 1995. Flowers may be sent to H. Peasgood & Son, Shire Hill, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3AQ or if desired, donations made payable to the Parkinsons Disease Society.

RICHARDSON - On 26th March, John Dingley, Vet MB, MRCVS, tragically in Nairobi. Husband of Pat, devoted father of Sarah and Nicola, son of Ian and Bridget.

SHAND - Lindsay, aged 43 after a long illness. Much missed by his many friends. Funeral at the West London Crematorium on Monday 3rd April at 11:30 am. No flowers, donations to London Lighthouse.

SHANNON - Reverend Fergal (formerly of Surteen, Co. Sligo). Parish Priest of St Michael's Conwy and the Holy Family, Llandudno Junction, North Wales, died peacefully March 24th 1995 in his 66th year in the Presbytery in the company of family members and friends. Bishop and brother Priests. Funeral arrangements Mass in the Holy Family Church, Llandudno Junction 7.30 p.m. Thursday 30th March 1995 and on Friday 31st March 1995 at 11.00 a.m. followed by interment at nearby Llanrhos Lawn Cemetery. No flowers please, donations to Cancer Research per the Presbytery, No. 1, Victoria Drive, Llandudno Junction, Gwynedd, N. Wales, LL31 9NU.

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SUDLOW - On March 23rd 1995, Suddenly Michael aged 65, dearly loved daddy and grandad. Funeral at Charing Crematorium on March 31st at 10 o'clock. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to support Paraplegic in Rugby Enterprise, Twickenham TW1 1DZ.

THORNE - Glamis. On March 23rd at Bedford Park Nursing Home, Plymouth. Beloved sister of Ella (Verona Father's, Italy) and a much loved and respected friend of many. Her charm and warmth will be greatly missed. Funeral Service to be held at St. Michael's Church, Shepton, Beauchamp on Friday March 31st 1995 at 2.00 p.m. followed by Cremation at Yeovil Crematorium. Floral Tributes or donations for St. Adas Hospice, Plymouth c/o Irish & Denman F, DPalmer Street, South Petherton, Somerset TA13 5DB.

WHELDON - On March 25th Ela, peacefully in her beloved Island home in Greece, after a long illness. No letters please.

WILLISON - Peter Jacob, aged 7 years, died at home in Highnam, Gloucester as the result of an accident on March 26th. Cremation at Canford Crematorium Bristol, on Thursday March 30th at 3.30pm. Prayers at home in the evening. No flowers please. Donations to Actionaid and the Pied Piper Appeal.

YUDKIN - On 26th March, peacefully at home. Milly, beloved wife of John, much loved mother of Michael, Jonathan and Jeremy and grandmother of Ben, Ruth, Daniel and Susanna. Prayers at 8 pm on 28th March at 20 Wellington Court, NW8.

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LOVELESS - Arrangements for the funeral of the Reverend Kenneth Norman Joseph Loveless M.B.E., V.R.D., F.S.A. F.S.A., (Scot) Hon. R.N.R., have now been made. The reception and solemn vespers will take place at 8 pm on Tuesday April 4th at Holy Trinity, Shepherdess Walk, Hoxton, N1. Requiem Mass and funeral office at 2 pm on Wednesday April 5th, also at Holy Trinity Hoxton, followed by Private burial at Sea. Family and Parish Flowers only, but Organisations may send wreaths. Donations, if desired, to The RNLI, Funeral Directors, S. Setterfield, 99 Murray Grove, London N1 7QP (0171 490 5090). Details of the forthcoming Memorial Service will be announced in these columns in due course.

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SIR STUART MILNER-BARRY

Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, KCVO, CB, OBE, wartime code-breaker and Ceremonial Officer, Civil Service Department, 1966-77, died on March 25 aged 88. He was born September 20, 1906.



IN A life of achievement in many and varied spheres, Stuart Milner-Barry was stockbroker, international chess player, chess correspondent of *The Times*, wartime cryptanalyst, senior Treasury civil servant and finally for eleven years administrator of the nation's "gongs and bongs" — the machinery that underpins the British honours system.

At Bletchley Park he was one of that brilliant assemblage of dons, antique dealers, mathematicians and chess players who, in their Nissen huts in the grounds of a Buckinghamshire country house, were able to read the most secret signals traffic passing between the various commands of the German armed forces. As such, on Trafalgar Day 1941 he was one of four men, each illustrious in his own way, who counter-signed a letter to the Prime Minister (who had recently visited Bletchley) pointing out incontestably how much more could be achieved, how much damage could be prevented, by the investment of a few additional resources in the code-breaking operation. Churchill endorsed this: "Make sure that they have all they want on extreme priority and report to me that this has been done." Within four weeks it had been.

Three of the signatories — C. H. O'D. (Hugh) Alexander, Gordon Welchman and Alan Turing — have been dead for some time. The fourth, Stuart Milner-Barry, had the additional responsibility of delivering the letter to Downing Street, an expedition he was subsequently to describe with modest glee.

In the death of Milner-Barry Britain loses one of its most distinguished but ironically least well-known civil servants. The contribution of him and his Bletchley Park colleagues to victory over Nazi Germany was as great as that of many military figures. Ultra, the flow of information about German war plans which stemmed from the deciphering of the German Enigma codes, ensured victory in some of the most crucial battles of the five-and-a-half years of war.

Philip Stuart Milner-Barry was one of five sons of a professor of German who died of Spanish flu while on active service with the Royal Navy in 1917. His mother was the daughter of Dr Besant, a distinguished mathematical Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, and a descendant of a long line of Cambridge academics.

Stuart Milner-Barry won scholarships to Cheltenham and to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took firsts in the Classical Tripos (Part I) and the Moral Science Tripos (Part II). He was fortunate to find employment when he came down in 1929, surviving as, in his own words, "the least enthusiastic stockbroker" from 1929 to 1938.

During this period he was sustained by his dedication to chess. He was Boy Champion of England in 1923 and ten years later won the City of London Tournament. He represented England in the Olympiads of 1937, 1939, 1952 and 1956, usually playing Number Three board although he came second in the British Championship in 1953. He was also chess correspondent of *The Times* from 1938 to 1945.

Milner-Barry was an aggressive player whose style was much admired. But he never wrote the textbook expected of him, being content with writing a memorable introduction to that of C. H. O'D. Alexander. Chess also brought him into a close relationship with the late Harry Golombek, to whom he resigned the post of *The Times*'s chess correspondent on becoming an established civil servant in 1945.

Alexander, Golombek and Milner-Barry were playing for England in Argentina in September 1939 when Britain declared war on Germany. They abandoned their tournament and sailed for home in the first ship in which they could secure passages. In England all three were recruited by Gordon Welchman and soon found themselves at Bletchley Park as "temporary civil servants in a department of the Foreign Office".

Milner-Barry relieved Welchman, the first head of Hut 6 at Bletchley Park, in 1942. Huts 6 and 8 deciphered intercepted messages, the former dealing with German army and air force traffic, the latter with naval affairs. They passed their findings to the intelligence experts in Huts 3 and 4 respectively. There was a tacit understanding that the business of the Battle of the Atlantic took priority and the excellent relationship between Milner-Barry and Alexander, the head of Hut 8, prevented any friction over the use of scarce resources.

The initial success of Hut 6 under the inspired, dynamic and mathematical lead of Welchman had been so unpredictable that it had created serious problems of management of the information that emerged. Their identification and solution was Milner-Barry's forte. He was that rare mixture, a person of great personal intelligence who could nevertheless run a team well. His conception of the necessary changes, as Hut 6 expanded from 50 members in 1940 to the 500 of later years, was shrewd. As one of his colleagues observed: "He gave the Hut the more definite shape it needed without sacrificing its soul. Its true flame, the spirit of free inquiry and camaraderie, could so easily have flickered and died."

Milner-Barry was not tempted to stay on in the world of code-breaking after the war. He entered the Treasury as a Principal and was an Assistant Secretary by 1947. Apart from a spell in the Ministry of Health, he was essentially a Treasury man.

In 1966, when he was 60, the normal Civil Service retiring age, he was asked by Lord Helsby, Head of the Home Civil Service, to take over as Ceremonial Officer in the new Civil Service Department. He applied himself to the work of administering the honours system with enthusiasm, his tall stately figure and dignified bearing making him the very incarnation of propriety.

He retired in 1977, having navigated the minefield of the honours list with skill and discretion. He was far too decent a man to reflect that, though appointed CB in 1962 and created KCVO in 1975, his major contribution to his country's good had merited only an OBE in 1946.

Milner-Barry's retirement was long and happy. It was disturbed only once, by the need to defend Welchman's good name against a posthumous attack in 1985 when Welchman was criticised for publishing an account of the cracking of the German Enigma codes.

Welchman (who had died shortly before publication) had in fact had his article passed by the D-notice committee. Milner-Barry's reaction to the criticism of his old wartime colleague was unexpectedly fierce and confounded the intelligence establishment of the day.

In old age Milner-Barry never lost his interest in life, or his inquiring mind and sense of humour, although deafness occasionally increased his air of abstraction. He was good company, delighting in conversation and still playing competitive chess and some powerful bridge until quite recently. Blackheath will miss the tall figure, usually in a long blue overcoat and beret, complete with stout stick and accompanied by his amiable terrier.

In 1947 he married Thelma Wells, who was a devoted consort throughout their life together, sharing his enthusiasm for fell walking. She survives him with their son and two daughters.

MAURIZIO GUCCI

Maurizio Gucci, former chairman of the Gucci fashion company, was shot dead in Milan yesterday aged 46.



MAURIZIO GUCCI was the last member of the Gucci family to hold a seat on the board of the family fashion empire. He was also, as chairman during the late 1980s, partly responsible for Gucci's radical, and successful, restyling.

The process began with the introducing of a colourful update of the classic Gucci loafer in the late 1980s — this time expunged of the ubiquitous interlocking GG-symbol. This and the familiar red and green stripe — which led to a spate of unwelcome cheap imitations during the 1970s — were now removed from Gucci products. During Maurizio Gucci's time at the helm, Gucci's name regained the sort of high ground in the fashion world which it had not occupied since the 1960s, when it was the shoemaker to Jackie Kennedy and Grace Kelly.

Until recently, Maurizio Gucci appeared to thrive on the arguments and protracted legal battles with which Gucci family history was littered. He weathered the storms with aplomb until 1993, when he was forced to leave after an acrimonious exchange with the company's new partner, Investcorp.

Maurizio Gucci was the grandson of Guccio Gucci, who founded the leatherware business in Florence at the turn of the century. Guccio Gucci had once worked at the Savoy in London, where he learnt, he said, the importance of quality and service. These words became a sort of holy grail to Maurizio, who would expound with evangelical fervour on the "emotional" experience of buying a Gucci bag.

As a boy, Maurizio worked in Gucci's Milan shop when school was over and he joined the family business afterwards. The real problems within what was then still very much a family concern began in 1978 when Maurizio's cousin Paolo was ousted from his position as senior designer.

Paolo's departure gave rise to ten years of lawsuits between Paolo and his brothers, father and cousin, during which the Italian authorities were alerted to apparent tax irregularities in the company's dealings. As a result of these, Paolo's octogenarian father Aldo Gucci was sentenced to 12 months in a New York jail in 1986 for tax evasion.

The previous year Maurizio had taken over the chairmanship. When Maurizio's father, Rodolfo, died in 1983 he left his 40 per cent stake in the company to Maurizio. Now with 50 per cent of the shares, Maurizio Gucci enjoyed outright control of the company, which gave rise to a fresh round of legal wrangles with his cousins. This time they centred on Maurizio's alleged forging of his father's signature in order to avoid death duties. He was also accused of illegally exporting capital. It was not until 1989 that Maurizio cleared his name and could again take his place as chairman.

In March that year the investment company Investcorp stepped in and bought up the remaining 50 per cent of the shares, giving it joint control with Maurizio Gucci. The latter still felt optimistic about the situation and proceeded to slim down the franchises and to expand specialist Gucci shops. With that rationalisation came a returned emphasis to the old Gucci style.

Maurizio Gucci brought in Dawn Mello — the woman responsible for turning Bergdorf Goodman into a Mecca for the New York fashion world — to oversee the operation. "Gucci was something you had to save your pennies for. You didn't give the maid Gucci," was how she summed up the new mood at the company's headquarters in Florence.

However, the last chapter of the feud ended badly for Maurizio when, in 1993, he was forced to give up his seat on the board. Latterly he lived in St Moritz.

He had two daughters.

HARRY EDWARDS

Harry Edwards, MBE, former housemaster at Clifton College and headmaster of Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol, 1967-78, died on February 17 aged 76. He was born on December 15, 1918.



HARRY EDWARDS taught French and Spanish at Clifton College for 20 years, being appointed housemaster of Watson's in 1955. Both as a teacher and a housemaster he aimed to instil some sense of culture into his boys, and he valued a sense of community and public duty just as highly, if not more so, than academic achievement.

He arrived at Clifton in 1947. The school had just returned from its wartime accommodation in boarding houses and hotels in Bude and was in the process of re-establishing itself, under the headmastership of Bertrand Hallward, in its Victorian buildings. He joined a staff common room which included John Thorn, later headmaster of Winchester, the medieval historian Martin Scott and the classicist David Gaunt, as well as such sportsmen as the Rev Peter Brook and John Kendall-Carpenter, both rugby internationals.

As the housemaster of Watson's from 1955 to 1967, Edwards shied away from the traditional emphasis which Clifton placed on sporting prowess. He aimed to inspire his boys instead with his love of paintings, bronzes, opera and literature.

Watson's, known for its academic, artistic and theatrical success, was the natural home for his talents, and he hosted many memorable evenings in his drawing room. Visiting theatre folk from the Bristol Old Vic — Julian Slade and Patricia Routledge among them — provided impromptu theatrical entertainments for the boys, Edwards presiding at the piano.

The son of a postman, Harry Garner Edwards went to school in Cambridge and won an exhibition to King's College, Cambridge, to read modern languages in 1937. During the war he was commissioned into the Intelligence Corps and in 1941 he was appointed British Liaison Officer to the 16th Polish Armoured Brigade, then being re-formed in Scotland. However, no sooner had he begun to make headway with the Polish language than he was recalled to London. There he joined Eisenhower's staff, working on the planned invasion of North Africa, Operation Torch.

He landed in Algiers in November 1942 and worked as an "understudy" to the German Quartermaster-General, his task being to pinpoint supply routes for the German army so that they could then be bombed. He was aided in this by access to the work of the Ultra codebreakers. Later he spent two years in Italy, again with the job of disrupting enemy supplies. He was appointed MBE (military) in 1943.

Having reached the rank of lieutenant-colonel, he was demobbed in 1946. He joined the staff of Clifton in September the following year, remaining there for 20 years, under the subsequent headships of Desmond (later Sir Desmond) Lee and Nicholas Hammond.

In 1967 he left Clifton to take on the headmastership of Queen Elizabeth's Hospital. Founded in the 16th century for the children of poor Bristol families, this was by then a direct grant school, which offered free places to 120 of its 420 boys. When the direct grant was withdrawn by the Government Edwards engineered the school's difficult transition to independent status with great deftness, and secured its place as a member of the Headmasters' Conference in 1970.

At Queen Elizabeth's Hospital he rejuvenated the music and art departments by leasing a nearby police station at Brandon Hill and utilising old cells as practice rooms. He placed a renewed emphasis on the value of boarding, radically updating the school's Victorian dormitories.

In his retirement he was secretary of the Old Cliftonian Society. He never married.

JAN GILLETT

Jan Gillett, botanist, died on March 18 aged 83. He was born on May 28, 1911.



JAN GILLETT was esteemed among botanists for his important scientific work on the plants of East Africa, notably Kenya. He achieved some notoriety a few years ago as "the skating botanist", having been fined for skating on the frozen Pen Ponds of Richmond Park as a protest against the official ban on skating there. This incident epitomised his lifelong independent, sceptical attitude towards general opinion — an outlook which made him both a good taxonomic botanist and an entertaining, argumentative companion.

Superficially, his progress through life seemed paradoxical. The son of wealthy parents, he joined the Communist Party. A birthright member of the Society of Friends, he became an army officer during the Second World War.

Jan Beverington Gillett was the eldest son of Arthur Gillett, an Oxford and Banbury banker who supported the recently bankrupted Oxford cycle-repairer William Richard Morris (later Lord Nuffield) in founding his car-manufacturing business. His mother, née Margaret Clark, a daughter of the Quaker shoe-manufacturer William Stephens Clark, and a granddaughter of John Bright, had accompanied Emily Hobhouse on her 1905 visit to South Africa for the Boer Home Industries Scheme and other Boer reconciliation enterprises. Both these strong-minded, well-educated pro-Boer women belonged, as stated in H. H. Hewison's *Hedge of Wild Almonds* (1989), "to that privileged, independent group of people who were able to do things other ordinary wayfaring people could not do, who could make up their minds and take an unpopular line".

Margaret Clark travelled back to England aboard the same ship as the Boer general, J.C. Smuts, and thus began a lifelong friendship, ultimately embracing both the Clark and Gillett families. She married Arthur Gillett in 1909 and they named their son Jan after Smuts. This friendship with Smuts led to Jan Gillett's long association with African botany. In 1928 he travelled with Smuts and the Kew botanist John Hutchinson on a fruitful plant-collecting expedition in South Africa.

Jan Gillett was educated at the Dragon School, Oxford, the Quaker Leighton Park School, and then at King's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in natural sciences with first-class honours in 1934. In the early 1930s there was strong left-wing feeling among Cambridge University students who, dismayed by the continuing mass unemployment for which the British Government had no apparent remedy, tended to believe that the Soviet Union possessed one. Jan Gillett, along with such Cambridge figures as Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Kim Philby, joined the Communist Party, a youthful association that was later to do his prospects no good. He then became a schoolmaster in Cheshire until the outbreak of the Second World War. He promptly enlisted in the Army, going to India in 1942 and serving with the forces which relieved Imphal and Kohima, then besieged by the Japanese.

After the war Jan Gillett became a botanist on the staff of the Iraq Department of Agriculture in Baghdad, making large botanical collections which proved valuable for the future of *Flora of Iraq*. He resigned, however, in 1949 and went to work at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, on the *Flora of West Tropical Africa* for the Colonial Office.

In 1963, Kenya having become independent and his former Communist association no longer being seen as an impediment, he was appointed botanist-in-charge of the East African herbarium in Nairobi. Here he not only made extensive field collections and studies; he also encouraged and trained young African botanists. Although he officially retired in 1971, he continued to work there on an honorary basis until 1984, his advice and knowledge being ever sought after and appreciated.

He then returned to Kew and continued to research on tropical African plants. His meticulous and detailed publications on the *Leguminosae* and *Burseraceae* of East Tropical Africa will long remain useful, indeed fundamental, to the study of these groups.

A number of African species have the honorific epithet *gillett*. On his return to Kew, Jan Gillett became a valued, vocal and much-liked member of the Brentford and Isleworth Friends' Meeting. He leaves his widow Gertrude, whom he married in 1937, three sons and a daughter.

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It is customary to say of Ibsen's social plays, and may generally be said with a measure of truth, that time and the success of their own persuasions have taken something from them. We can all, if we will, pat one another on the back and say that we have moved beyond Nora's doll's house, and have at least changed the poisonous source of Dr. Stockmann's municipal baths. But we have not escaped from the influence of heredity that darkens Mrs. Alving's country house. Time has taken nothing from *Ghosts*; time has, indeed, by exhibiting the unchanging nature of its tragedy, added to the intolerable pressure of its truth.

It is the most unrelenting of plays, and must be performed, as it has been written, without an attempt to soften or make transferable the blows that it inflicts. It is one of the very few plays that are altogether without delight except the tormented delight that springs from admiration of the dramatist's power and integrity. Never for an instant is there pleasure in the company of any of the people who appear in it . . . No light touches Mrs. Alving's room except the light of burning, and no sunshine enters it until sunshine itself is a herald of madness. These are the conditions of spiritual death which, in performance, have to be charged with dramatic life. To perform other plays badly may be to make them tedious; to perform *this* play weakly or falsely would be to make torture of it.

The performance yesterday afternoon, though not faultless, had that quality of courage which is necessary above all else to support the burden of *this play in the theatre*. Mr. Fewlass Llewellyn betrayed now and then a tendency to stray into irrelevant humour; but his wanderings in this direction were happily brief and did not seriously damage a firm study of Pastor Manders, though that study seemed to be on the whole rather gentler than Ibsen's probable intention. Mr. Frederick Lloyd played Jacob Engstrand on the right lines, lacking only a certain fierceness of portraiture appropriate to this exceptionally base coward. Regina Engstrand, greedy, passionate, morally uncertain, lived brilliantly from the first moment of encounter; and Miss Margot Sieveking collaborated with so vital an imagination that Regina became a genuine portrait, rich and full, entitled to take rank with Mr. John Gielgud's more elaborate and beautifully restrained study of Oswald Alving. At the centre of the play Mrs. Alving, gathering the past and the future of herself, continuously exhibits the present in their light. Mrs. Patrick Campbell's performance was received with an enthusiasm that was a just tribute to it. There were moments when the vision of extending tragedy somehow failed to match, in this Mrs. Alving's eyes, the discoveries of which she spoke—surprising moments in which, to use a conventional phrase, Mrs. Campbell seemed not to be living in her part. But these were passing weaknesses in the midst of great dignity and strength. While she listened in silence to the Pastor's recital of the past, then, indeed, her own knowledge of it lived in her eyes. While she heard Oswald's final confession, how imagining of the future burned in her! And to watch Mrs. Campbell's slow gestures, graceful and charged with meaning: to see her move on the stage with a significance in bodily movement that is nowadays almost forgotten—this is an experience which alone would make a performance memorable.

ON THIS DAY

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Mrs Patrick Campbell as Helen Alving and John Gielgud as Oswald, her son, must have drawn many theatregoers to see this production of Ibsen's Ghosts.

THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY MARCH 28 1995

NEWS

School seeks return to state funding

■ Manchester Grammar School, which left the state system when direct grant schools were abolished by the last Labour Government in 1976, has given a clear indication that it wishes to return to funding by the taxpayer and to throw open its doors again to all children regardless of the background and means of their parents.

Its lead may be followed by other former direct grant schools who left the maintained sector when asked to make the choice between going independent or comprehensive .....Page 1

Winnie Mandela loses government post

■ President Mandela has has ended weeks of speculation about the political future of his estranged wife, Winnie, and dismissed her from the South African Government "to ensure the highest strandards of discipline" ..... Pages 1, 10, 16, 17

Race controversy

Michael Schumacher, who was disqualified from the Brazilian Grand Prix, is at the centre of fresh controversy .. Pages 1, 2, 40

Hallmarks to end

Seven hundred years of British hallmarking will end when the Government agrees a new European standard for the marking of precious metals ..... Page 1

Nuclear sell-off

Kenneth Clarke is pressing John Major and Michael Heseltine to give the go-ahead to the sale of most of Britain's nuclear industry to give an impetus to the privatisation programme .....Page 2

Joyriding death

A Royal Navy commander was on his way home from Antarctica after his 19-year-old daughter was killed when joyriders smashed into a car driven by her boyfriend .....Page 3

Church battleground

The Parishioners' Society, a Church of England body set up to fight for the rights of the laity, is threatening to take the Bishop of Blackburn to court after he intervened in parish affairs ..... Page 5

Monty 'ticked off'

Field-Marshal Montgomery was ticked off by Churchill for being "impudent" after speaking out about the importance of National Service, according to letters to be auctioned .....Page 3

Cancer diagnosis

A new method of diagnosing cancer by passing laser light along optical fibres to the suspected site has been developed by American scientists .....Page 4

Trawler's nets cut

The European Union fishing dispute with Canada flared again as the Canadians cut a Spanish trawler's nets and tried to board two other vessels in the North Atlantic ..... Page 12

Gucci murdered

A gunman has killed Maurizio Gucci, the grandson of the founder of the fashion accessory empire, as he walked to work on a busy Milan street .....Page 11

EU deadlock

European Union social affairs ministers failed to reach agreement on a directive which would have required employers to apply local pay rates and social provisions for workers posted abroad by their companies .....Page 8

Cult leaders 'fled'

Senior members of Aum Shinrikyo, the religious cult implicated in the poison gas attack on Tokyo's subway, have escaped by sea, Japanese news reports claimed ..... Page 11

Cockfighting arrests

Almost 300 people were arrested in New York after armed police raided a cockfighting championship in the Bronx ..... Page 12

Video triumph for First Lady of satire

■ A video of Hillary Clinton playing "Hillary Gump" delighted an annual Washington gathering where journalists and politicians poke fun at each other. In the video, based on Tom Hanks in the film *Forrest Gump*, she says: "My mama always told me the White House is like a box of chocolates. It's pretty on the outside, but inside there's a lot of nuts" .....Page 11

CHRIS HARRIS



Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in the Cabinet War Rooms in London yesterday at the launch of a commemorative £2 coin to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The coin is available from banks and post offices

BUSINESS

Directors: Boardrooms are infested with cheats and liars — at least if an alarming survey of jobseekers is to be believed ..... Page 21

Thomas Cook: Christopher Rodrigues, the chief executive, is be replaced by the head of the London operations of Westdeutsche Landesbank, which owns 90 per cent of the company ..... Page 21

Prudential: An investigation into Prudential's selling of pensions has been declared formal by Lautro, the financial services watchdog ..... Page 21

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 3.6 points to close at 3149.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 85.6 to 85.4 after a rise from $1.5947 to $1.5960 but a fall from DM2.2525 to DM2.2483 .... Page 21

SPORT

Rugby union: Neil Back, the Leicester flanker, was named in England's World Cup squad of 26, which also includes three uncapped players: Richard West, Damian Hopley and John Mallett ..... Page 40

Rowing: Oxford, the challengers, averaging 14st 7lb, scaled 5lb a man more than Cambridge at the weigh-in for the Boat Race on Saturday ..... Page 38

Football: England Under-21 beat the Republic of Ireland 2-0 in Dublin to move two points ahead of Portugal at the top of European championship group six ... Page 36

Racing: The Horserace Betting Levy Board will give £32.5 million, a five per cent increase, towards prize-money next year .....Page 37

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Life behind the lens: No photographer could be better suited than Richard Avedon to a full-blown retrospective at the National Portrait Gallery .....Page 33

A nose ahead: The Nottingham Playhouse does full justice to Gogol with Martin Duncan's visually brilliant new production of *The Nose* .....Page 34

Sounds of success: No longer is the sound man merely the stagehand shaking the thunder sheet. Instead, using their base material — noise — sound designers weave layers of atmosphere into a production .....Page 35

Studio spaces: Leighton House in London is the setting for an exhibition of photographs of contemporary artists' studios .....Page 33

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Metal fatigue: Surgeons have more than 30 years' experience of joint replacement operations, yet little is known about the long-term effects of metal implants .....Page 14

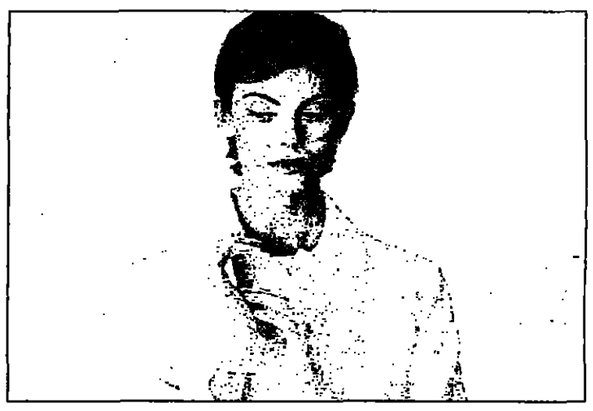
Hot tonic: A cup of green tea made from jasmine or green gunpowder leaves may be life-saving as well as cheering .....Page 14

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More rights? Why senior judges support the Bill to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into UK law .....Page 29



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IN THE TIMES

■ LADY-IN-WAITING
The suit is back — Iain R. Webb on the revival of elegance

■ ONE TO KEEP
Your indispensable guide to the top arts festivals around Britain

THE PAPERS

An Iraqi court sentenced two Americans to eight years in prison for illegal entry. No doubt Baghdad entertains hopes they can be used as leverage to pressure the United States into abandoning its fight to retain sanctions — *USA Today*

If Iraq knows what is good for it, it will immediately release the two Americans sentenced to prison for illegal entry. The problem is, Saddam Hussein only knows what's good for the perpetuation of his corrupt regime — *Los Angeles Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Tibetans on the run from Chinese oppression have devised an heroic escape route. *Network First* (ITV, 10.40pm) **Review:** Peter Barnard is sobered by a report on information technology and warfare .....Page 39

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Home and away

Germany wants to export its labour costs to the other member states, thus ensuring that they remain as uncompetitive as it is .....Page 17

The overdue dismissal

The Government will have to counter Mrs Mandela with an offensive of its own. Mr Mandela himself must seize every chance to reach out to her followers. They are, after all, his followers as well, and Mrs Mandela is no match for him .....Page 17

Brave Newfie World

Newfoundlanders are to other North Americans what the Irish are to the English, and the people of Kerry to other Irishmen .... Page 17

COLUMNS

R. W. JOHNSON

The dismissal of Winnie Mandela from the South African Government prompts not the question "why has she been sacked?" — the grounds for dismissal have long been abundant — but "why on earth it has taken the Government so long to act?" .....Page 16

BERNARD LEVIN

And in Axminster, they are holding their breath, to learn whether an anonymous benefactor is to be *allowed* to give the local library 200 volumes of the world's most eclectic and precious literature, Everyman's Library .....Page 16

PETER RIDDELL

The Tories' problems derive from the unpopularity of the Government, and its divisions, rather than Mr Major personally .....Page 7

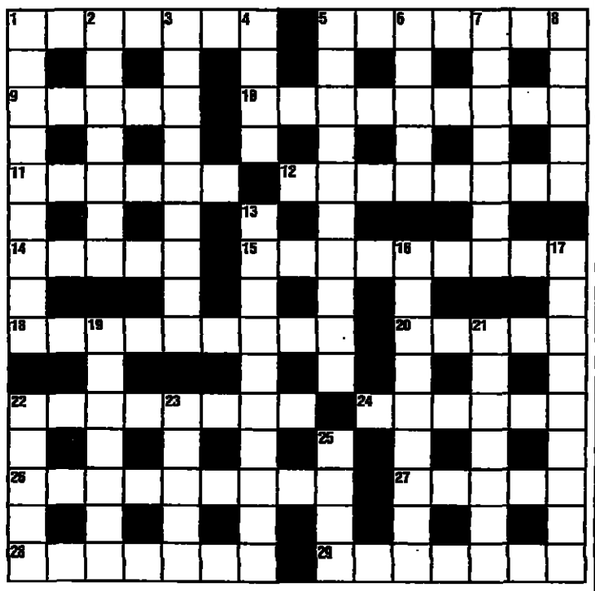
OBITUARIES

Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, wartime code-breaker and former Ceremonial Officer, Civil Service Department; **Maurizio Gucci,** former chairman of Gucci; **Jan Gillett,** botanist; **Harry Edwards,** schoolmaster .....Page 19

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Skegness, Lincolnshire, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 3C (47F); highest rainfall: Orsay, off western Scotland, 0.75in; highest sunshine: Margate, Kent, 4.1hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have rain or snow at times, the snow most likely away from the south west, where any should readily turn to rain. Brighter weather will spread from the north across all parts later. A cold day, windy in the west. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have some rain or snow for a time, but brighter weather with wintry showers will extend across all parts by evening. Temperatures below late March average.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales:** rain spreading east, turning to snow for a time. Clearer later. Wind fresh to strong southwesterly, turning northerly. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, NE England, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll:** sleet or snow. Clearer weather spreading from the north. Wind moderate, mainly southeasterly, becoming northeasterly. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** cloudy with rain at times. Wind strong southwesterly, turning northwesterly. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Central Highlands, NW Scotland:** rather cloudy, scattered wintry showers, becoming dry and bright. Wind fresh southeasterly, turning northerly. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny intervals, wintry showers. Wind fresh to strong northerly. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **N Ireland:** cloudy with patchy rain or drizzle, perhaps sleet. Brighter later. Wind mainly westerly, becoming northeasterly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Outlook:** mostly dry with sunny spells on Wednesday, rain spreading from west on Thursday, but milder.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.8	0.03	7	45	h
Anglesey	2.2	-	12	54	b
Aspatria	-	0.46	8	46	r
Aviemore	X				
Belfast	-	-	9	48	c
Birmingham	0.7	-	13	55	c
Bognor R	0.2	-	12	54	c
Bournem'th	0.1	-	12	54	c
Bristol	X				
Buxton	0.3	0.01	9	48	du
Cardiff	0.3	-	11	52	c
Clacton	3.9	-	14	57	s
Colwyn Bay	0.2	0.02	11	52	c
Cromer	2.4	0.09	12	54	c
Doncaster	2.4	0.02	13	55	b
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	0.1	-	11	52	du
Edinburgh	2.6	0.06	10	50	r
Eskdalemuir	0.8	0.28	9	48	r
Exmouth	1.2	-	11	52	c
Falmouth	X	0.04	11	52	sh
Fishguard	2.3	-	10	50	c
Folkestone	-	-	12	54	c
Glasgow	1.1	0.04	10	50	c
Guernsey	-	-	10	50	c
Hastings	0.2	-	11	52	c
Hayling I.	0.3	-	12	54	c
Hove	-	-	10	50	c
Hunstanton	2.2	0.14	11	52	b
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	1.2	-	11	52	c
Jersey	-	0.01	10	50	r
Kinloss	0.8	0.04	6	43	sh
Leeds	0.8	0.03	12	54	sh
Lerwick	X	0.24	3	37	sn
Leuchars	3.6	0.08	10	50	r
Littlehmptn	0.2	-	12	54	c
Liverpool	0.9	-	10	50	c
London	0.4	-	12	54	c
Lowestoft	X				
Manchester	-	-	11	52	c
Margate	4.1	-	13	55	b
Minehead	4.0	-	13	55	b
Morecambe	0.8	0.18	9	48	c
Newcastle	0.9	0.06	11	52	r
Newquay	-	0.01	11	52	r
Norwich	0.8	0.07	12	54	c
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	0.5	-	12	54	c
Penzance	X				
Plymouth	0.8	-	11	52	c
Poole	0.2	-	13	55	c
Prestatyn	X	-	10	50	c
Ross-o-wye	0.9	-	13	55	c
Salcombe	0.8	-	11	52	d
Sandown	0.2	-	11	52	c
Saunton Snd	-	-	10	50	du
Scarboro'	0.1	0.10	11	52	c
Scilly Isles	0.6	0.02	10	50	d
Shanklin	0.2	-	10	50	c
Shrewsbury	0.8	-	12	54	c
Skegness	2.1	0.01	14	57	c
Southend	1.5	-	13	55	c
Southport	2.7	-	10	50	b
Southsea	-	-	12	54	c
Stornoway	0.5	0.07	5	41	sh
Swanage	0.5	-	12	54	c
Teignmouth	1.1	-	12	54	c
Tenby	2.9	-	12	54	c
Tiree	-	0.41	8	46	r
Torquay	1.7	-	12	54	c
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West-s-mare	X				
Weymouth	0.3	-	11	52	c

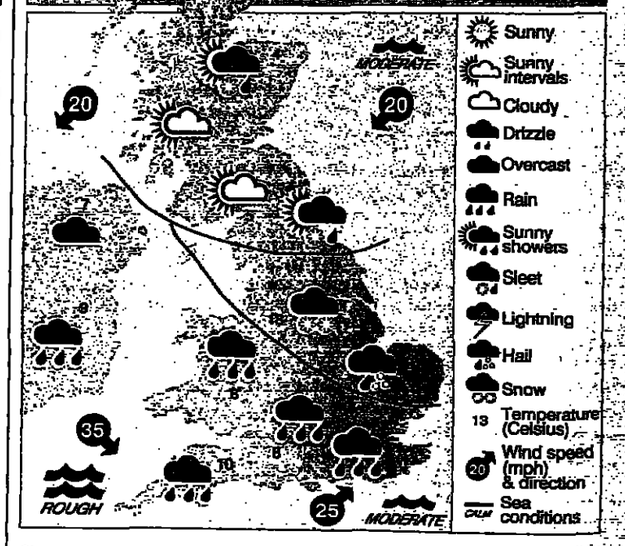
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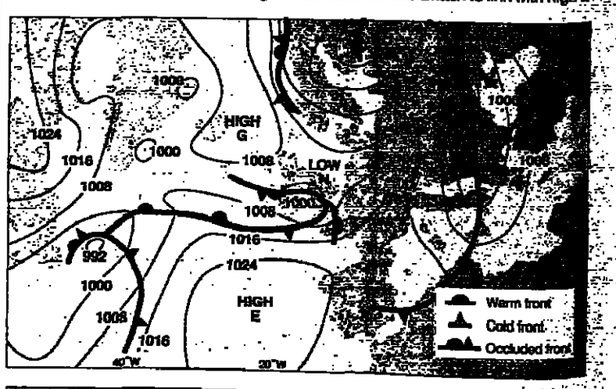
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Akrotiri	17	63	s	Dublin	6	43	s	Majorca	17	63	s
Aler'dria	17	63	f	Dubrovnik	14	57	f	Malaga	19	66	s
Algiers	18	64	s	Faro	21	70	s	Malta	19	66	s
Amst'dm	6	43	s	Florence	11	52	c	Melb'rne	16	61	c
Athens	18	64	c	Frankfurt	4	39	f	Milan	17	63	f
Bahrain	21	70	s	Funchal	18	64	s	Montreal	7	45	s
Bangkok	35	95	s	Geneva	8	46	r	Moscow	1	34	c
Barcelona	16	61	s	Gibraltar	18	64	s	Munich	9	48	r
Beirut	17	63	f	Helsinki	0	32	sn	Naples	15	59	f
Belgrade	17	63	s	Hong K	17	63	f	N Delhi	25	77	s
Berlin	2	36	c	Innsbrck	13	55	c	N York	12	54	s
Biarritz	13	55	f	Istanbul	16	61	s	Nice	16	61	f
Borde'x	11	52	r	Jeddah	26	79	s	Oslo	2	36	f
Brussels	3	37	c	Jo'burg	20	68	c	Paris	9	48	c
Budapst	14	57	f	Karachi	12	54	s	Peking	13	55	s
B Aires	24	75	s	L Palmas	22	72	s	Perth	27	81	f
Cairo	20	68	s	La Tquet	5	41	f	Prague	10	50	r
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Lisbon	23	73	s	Reykjavik	-4	25	f
Chicago	7	45	c	Locarno	16	61	c	Rhodes	18	64	s
Ch'church	18	64	-	L Angels	18	64	s	Rio de J	26	79	f
Cologne	4	39	f	Luxembg	3	37	c	Riyadh	21	70	s
C'phgn	0	32	c	Luxor	24	75	s	Rome	15	59	f
Salzburg	12	54	c
S F'risco	12	54	s
Santiago	27	81	s
S Paulo	21	70	c
Seoul	11	52	f
Sing'por	26	79	t
St'kholm	-4	25	sn
Strasb'rg	4	39	c
Sydney	22	72	s
Tangier	21	70	s
Tel Aviv	18	61	f
Tenerife	24	75	s
Tokyo	13	55	f
Toronto	11	52	s
Tunis	22	72	s
Valencia	21	70	s
Vanc'ver	7	45	s
Venice	17	63	f
Vienna	14	57	f
Warsaw	8	46	f
Wash'ton	17	63	s
Wel'ngton	19	66	s
Zurich	7	45	r

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

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Changes to chart below from noon: low N will slip SE into Continent and then further S towards Mediterranean; high G will drift S across Britain to link with high E



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11:50	6.97	–	–
Aberdeen	11:28	3.93	–	–
Avonmouth	5:05	12.10	5.34	12.35
Belfast	9:05	3.34	9:39	3.27
Cardiff	4:54	11.36	5:18	11.61
Devonport	3:34	5.01	4:09	4.98
Dover	9:22	6.04	9:30	6.22
Dublin	9:42	4.01	10:22	3.90
Falmouth	3:06	4.83	3:37	4.67
Glasgow	10:36	4.46	10:56	4.48
Harwich	9:57	3.73	10:16	3.63
Holyhead	8:23	5.23	9:01	5.14
Hull	4:28	8.76	4:29	8.92
Ilfracombe	3:56	8.47	4:25	8.51
King's Lynn	4:07	5.97	4:24	6.37

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	0.34	4.93	0:48	5.02
Liverpool	9:14	8.83	9:47	9.10
Lowestoft	7:41	2.90	7:34	2.95
Margate	10:17	4.54	10:32	4.70
Milford Haven	4:13	6.33	4:40	6.38
Newquay	3:01	6.27	3:28	6.29
Oban	3:56	3.57	4:31	3.57
Penzance	2:41	4.93	3:10	4.85
Portland	4.36	1.77	5:12	1.78
Portsmouth	9:23	4.31	9:55	4.42
Shoreham	9:26	5.63	9:53	5.77
Southampton	8:58	4.17	9:26	4.28
Swansea	4:32	8.66	4:48	8.79
Teas	1:38	4.74	1:51	4.85
Wtton-on-Nze	9:54	3.98	10:10	4.09

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.46 am
Sun sets: 7.26 pm
Moon sets 4.50 pm
Moon rises 5.23 am

London 7.26 pm to 6.44 am
Bristol 7.36 pm to 6.54 am
Edinburgh 7.42 pm to 6.53 am
Manchester 7.36 pm to 6.51 am
Penzance 7.47 pm to 7.07 am

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Pru now faces formal inquiry

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

CITY watchdogs are now formally investigating the Prudential, Britain's largest insurer.

Although Lautro, the life insurance regulator, has been looking into the Prudential's pension transfer business since April, this inquiry was on an informal basis. Throughout the controversy, the Prudential, the biggest name in personal pensions with 9 per cent of the market, has denied any wrongdoing.

The new status of the inquiry, announced yesterday, is significant. Lautro's disciplinary committee, which can fine members, can only consider conclusions of a formal inquiry.

The move to make the investigation formal also enables the watchdog to call any Prudential employee, including the new chief executive, Peter Davis, as a witness during its future, more extensive, deliberations.

Neither the watchdog nor the Pru would yesterday comment on whether a fine was expected, or how big it might be. Sources close to both organisations maintain that no decision has been reached.

To date, inquiry findings, contained in a secret report sent to Prudential directors late last year, have been highly critical of the Prudential. In June 1994, John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB union accused Pru salesmen of giving "bad advice" to workers who were persuaded to leave public-sector schemes.

The altered nature of the Lautro inquiry was announced by the Prudential itself. The company said that it was standing by a promise by its former chief executive, Mick Newmarch, to release news of a formal investigation, because this was "price sensitive information". In the event, Prudential shares fell by 7½p, to 318½p.

The reference to "price sensitive information" was first made in a leaked Lautro memo that surfaced last July. The memo, which confirmed widespread suspicions of an investigation into the Prudential, spoke of a "sharp telephone interchange" between Mr Newmarch and Kit Jebens, then chief executive of Lautro. Responding to a request from Lautro that the investigation, which had been running for four months, be made formal, Mr Newmarch complained that this would hit the share price.

Yesterday, the mood at the Prudential was more conciliatory, seemingly in tune with the new regime under Mr Davis, formerly of IPC. A spokesman said: "We are co-operating fully with the investigation and hope that it will be resolved in the near future."

The spokesman said that there was no connection between the inquiry announcement and the company's disclosure last week that it was making specific provision against compensation for any pension mis-selling. This provision, he said, covered possible compensation payments arising from the general pensions review being carried out by the chief regulator, the Securities and Investments Board.

Until Mr Newmarch's departure, two months ago, there was no specific provision against compensation, because he denied any questionable selling practices. This remains the stance of the company, which yesterday released a statement defending its conduct.

It said: "The Prudential's approach to transfers was straightforward. Company representatives were forbidden to make positive recommendations in favour of transfers. They could, however, accept business where the customer wished to transfer 'preserved' benefits. We believe that our approach complied with Lautro's rules. Where there was any doubt about the advisability of transferring, we said so."

Since 1992, Lautro has imposed fines totalling £3.5 million on various operators.

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DAN CHUNG

Lynn Summer, a ceramic artist at work for Royal Doulton, the chinaware company. It kept tight control of overheads and did not have to pay management charges to Pearson, its former parent, enabling it to quadruple profits last year (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Royal Doulton breaks mould with astounding figures

Pre-tax profits were £12.6 million (£3 million) in the year to December 31, its first full year as a public company. Earnings per share rose to 15.4p from 10.6p.

The bottom line benefited from the absence of a £2.3 million management charge and £851,000 of demerger costs in the previous period as well as strict cost control. The cost of sales remained virtually flat in spite of a 2.5 per cent rise in turnover.

Demand picked up in North America after a sluggish first half. However, recovery in the UK petered out during the course of the year.

The group's overseas expansion continues with the formation of a joint venture in Indonesia. A final dividend of 5.75p, payable on June 2, brings the total to 7.5p, against a notional payout of 6.6p in the previous year.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3149.8	(-3.6)
Yield	4.33%	
FT-SE A All shars	1540.61	(-1.00)
Nikkei	16096.25	(+348.48)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4137.83	(-1.04)*
S&P Composite	501.57	(+0.80)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6¼%*	(6%)
Long Bond	103²⁄₃₂*	(103⁴)
Yield	7.35%*	(7.36%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6¼%	(6⅛%)
Lffe long gilt future (Mar)	103⁴	(103⁴)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5965*	(1.5940)
London:		
$	1.5977	(1.5890)
DM	2.2434	(2.2520)
FFr	7.8885	(7.9150)
SFr	1.8497	(1.8659)
Yen	142.31	(141.63)
£ Index	85.4	(85.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4055*	(1.4172)
FFr	4.9433*	(4.9885)
SFr	1.1590*	(1.1742)
Yen	88.98*	(88.95)
$ Index	90.3	(90.8)

Tokyo close Yen 89.47

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jun) $17.15 ($16.95)

GOLD

London close $381.95 ($382.35)

* denotes midday trading price

Profits and shares slide at Inchcape

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SHARES in Inchcape tumbled 22p to 278p yesterday after the motor, marketing and services group made its third profits warning in less than a year. The share price has halved since last March.

Inchcape, the world's largest independent car distributor, issued the warning as it unveiled a drop in profits from £271.4 million to £228.4 million for the year to December 31.

Profits were marginally ahead of analysts forecasts, which had already been cut in January after the group flagged that its full-year profits would fail to match market expectations.

The company surprised the City yesterday with the warning that profits in the first half of 1995 would be significantly below those of the first half of 1994. The news prompted analysts to cut their 1995 forecasts, which had already been downgraded in January. Nryen Scott-Malden, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, yesterday lowered his forecast by £50 million to £200 million.

City projections range from about £180 million to £200 million, down from about £230 million to £250 million previously.

The decline in profits reflects a sharp fall in profits from the group's motor import and distribution business, which was partly offset by increased profits from motor retail, marketing and services.

Profits from importing and distributing motor vehicles fell from £106.1 million to £62.6 million, due to the continuing strength of the yen and tough trading conditions in most of the group's markets.

Charles Mackay, chief executive and deputy chairman, said: "We were never in any doubt that 1994 was going to be a challenging year. In the event, we were also confronted by a number of external factors that, quite frankly, were beyond our worst predictions and almost entirely out of our control."

Motor retail profits rose from £67.6 million to £80.4 million while marketing profits advanced 29 per cent to £75.4 million and services profits increased by 16 per cent to £60.7 million.

Hogg Group, acquired in June, contributed £4 million to profit, of which £700,000 relates to discontinued operations.

In spite of the fall in profits, the group held the final dividend at 9p, making a total for the year of 15p, up from 14.8p last time. The dividend, due July 3, is being paid out of earnings of 26.8p a share, down from 33.9p last time.

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M&S looks to open in Germany and China

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

MARKS & SPENCER, the UK's most profitable retailer, is set to expand further overseas with the development of a chain of stores in Germany and the opening of an office in China.

Keith Oates, M&S's deputy chairman and joint managing director, said Germany was an obvious choice because it is the largest clothing market in Europe. The group is looking for sites initially in the Rühr and Hamburg regions. "Our only constraint will be finding prime sites at the right price," he said.

The move into Germany follows successful expansion in France, Belgium, Spain and The Netherlands. The group now has 26 stores in continental Europe, which together generated £247 million of sales last year. Expansion into Italy is under consideration.

The group has also applied to establish an office in Shanghai to evaluate opportunities in China. With a population of 1.2 billion and an emerging middle class, Mr Oates said the country offers enormous potential. M&S already has seven stores in neighbouring Hong Kong and some of its suppliers such as Coats Viyella have established operations in the region.

Expansion of the M&S chain into Japan, however, has been ruled out for now. Mr Oates said the group had been deterred by high property costs, making such a move uncommercial.

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Thomas Cook chief executive forced out

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

CHRISTOPHER Rodrigues, chief executive of Thomas Cook, has been ousted. He leaves next month, to be replaced by Hans Zierke, head of London operations of Westdeutsche Landesbank, which owns 90 per cent of the company.

Mr Rodrigues, in a letter, told staff that he would be leaving. He said he had "every intention of getting back into the saddle in the autumn".

Yesterday, he refused to discuss the terms of his payoff, but said that, after WestLB's decision to integrate its financial services and travel businesses, he "came to a mutual and amicable agreement that, after seven years, it was good for them to have a WestLB person running the company".

However, he was in jovial mood, saying that top of his list of things to do was "to row from the mouth of the Thames to Twickenham lock" in "a three-men-in-a-boat special".

Mr Rodrigues has been chief executive of the company since August 1992, having joined seven years ago as chief operating officer, and headed the reshaping of Thomas Cook's operations last year.

News of his departure came as Thomas Cook unveiled poor profit figures for last year. While the pre-tax figure rose from £31.6 million to £60.7 million, the bulk of this came from a £39.4 million profit on selling its business travel operations to American Express in September.

The company said that the travel market was depressed, but sales of foreign currency and travellers cheques were strong.

WestLB bought Thomas Cook from Midland Bank two and a half years ago. Recently, there have been rumours that a sale was likely. This was denied yesterday by Dr Johannes Ringel, chairman of Thomas Cook and a member of WestLB's managing board, who said that the bank's commitment to the travel company was "unequivocal".

Mr Rodrigues's departure comes after a tricky few months. Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, last week imposed conditions on the company's acquisition of Barclays' travellers cheques business, Interpayment Services (ISL), which was completed in November.

In January, Mr Rodrigues left the board of First Choice, the UK holiday firm previously known as Owners Abroad, replaced by Wolfgang Trube, a manager of a WestLB subsidiary. The German banking group indirectly owns 21 per cent of First Choice.



Rodrigues: jovial mood

Inflated qualifications, invented MBAs and fictitious degrees

High-flyers who are expert liars

BY JON ASHWORTH

BRITAIN'S boardrooms are infested by cheats and liars — at least, if an alarming survey on job seekers is to be taken at face value. Random checks on the CVs of applicants in the £30,000-£80,000 salary range revealed a disturbing catalogue of invented MBAs and massaged grades.

An analysis of three to four months' activity by NB Selection, Britain's largest executive recruitment firm, exposed 16 cases of candidates who were not what they claimed to be. Inflated qualifications and fictitious degrees were commonplace, particularly among would-be chief executives, managing directors and general managers. Candidates seeking posts worth £50,000 or more were found to be twice as likely to falsify qualifications than those applying for less senior positions.

David Timson, managing director of NB Selection, said the firm's research applied more to middle-management than captains of industry. The incidence of fudged CVs is on the rise, he said. "The workplace is still fiercely competitive, and there are misguided people out there who feel they have to create something to be able to compete with those who have good degrees."

Mr Timson accused "less reputable" outplacement consultancies of encouraging job-seekers to stretch the truth in their efforts to find work. An example would include putting "business science course" under education, failing to mention that they had never actually obtained the degree or certificate.

Some hopefuls go way beyond the occasional blurred date or fudged qualification in the hope of furthering their careers. Andrew Rooke, a former operations manager at Bayerische Landesbank Girozentrale, claimed that he was a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, had 7 A-level passes, had attended various centres of learning and possessed actuarial and taxation qualifications. It was all untrue. Mr Rooke was exposed by the Securities and Futures Authority and left Britain after losing his City post. He is reported to be thriving in his new job ... in Moscow.

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UK joins court fight over power monopolies

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN has joined a court case by the European Commission designed to force five members of the European Union to open up their electricity markets to competition.

A "statement of intervention" has been lodged by Britain with the European Court of Justice in The Hague, arguing that energy markets in the United Kingdom work effectively without the need for import and export monopoly purchasers.

The Commission's court case is the latest battle in a five-year campaign to end monopoly practices in energy markets across the EU.

In its court documents, the Commission claims that monopoly import and export organisations run by state power companies in France, Italy and Spain are in breach of the Treaty of Rome. The Commission is also taking action against import monopolies in The Netherlands and the Irish Republic, and against the French state gas company, Gaz de France. Earlier plans for action against Denmark have been dropped.

Tim Eggar, Britain's Energy Minister, said: "The United Kingdom has intervened in support of the Commission because we maintain that there can be no justification for these import and export monopolies."

The United Kingdom action comes less than a week after the Commission produced new draft proposals designed to win a compromise on the vexed issue of energy market liberalisation.

Under prolonged pressure from Martin Bangemann, the German Energy Commissioner, and several member states, the EU has produced various proposals designed to open energy markets across the community to competition. Mr Bangemann maintains that a free market in energy is essential to ensure the competitiveness of the Union's industry and economy. The economic liberals have faced doughty resistance led by France, Italy and Spain, which claim that their state monopolies are essential to preserve stable prices and prevent power cuts.

In its latest proposals, unveiled last week, the Commission is seeking to break down the monopoly on two fronts. First, it is seeking a right of third party access to monopoly distribution networks. That would allow private sector companies, either domestic or overseas, to sell energy direct to industrial customers, paying a fee for their use of the gas or electricity grid.

At the same time, the Commission said it was willing to accept a modified version of French proposals for a "single buyer" approach. That would open the door to competition in power generation, but restrict direct access to customers.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.12
Austria Sch	16.88	15.36
Belgium Fr	49.48	45.16
Canada $	2.332	2.172
Cyprus Cypf	0.760	0.705
Denmark Kr	9.57	8.77
Finland Mrk	7.59	6.94
France Fr	8.38	7.73
Germany Dm	2.41	2.20
Greece Dr	385.00	360.00
Hong Kong $	12.93	11.93
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.2750	4.5250
Italy Lira	2845.00	2690.00
Japan Yen	157.00	141.00
Malta	0.604	0.549
Netherlds Gld	2.680	2.450
Norway Kr	10.82	9.82
Portugal Esc	247.50	225.00
S Africa Rd	nat.	5.32
Spain Pta	213.00	200.00
Sweden Kr	12.28	11.48
Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Turkey Lira	refer	65388.0
USA $	1.687	1.557

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



Ron Spinney, chief executive, has changed the shape of the group's portfolio

Hammerson eyes Germany

BY CARL MORTISHED

HAMMERSON, the property group that went on a £100 million buying spree in France last year, is shifting its focus towards Germany with plans for acquisitions in the retail sector.

Ron Spinney, Hammerson's new chief executive has changed the shape of the group's portfolio, selling Australian assets and reinvesting the proceeds in retail and office properties in France and Britain.

Hammerson's year-end net asset value of 375p, up 9 per cent, failed to impress the market because of a weak performance from overseas assets. But Mr Spinney intends to continue to buy property on the Continent, suggesting that Germany could move from 8 per cent to 10 per cent of Hammerson's £1.6 billion portfolio.

Shares in Hammerson slid from 319p to 315p on news that underlying growth in the portfolio was only 1.1 per cent with UK properties up 3.6 per cent overall, while France, Canada and the US all fell. Rents grew 2 per cent to £120 million.

Underlying profits rose from £32 million to £53 million in 1994, but the pre-tax figure jumped to £107 million helped by a £55 million profit on the sale of Hammerson's Australian portfolio. The final dividend is held at 6.5p, making 10p for the year after earnings per share of 14.3p (10.2p).

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Insolvency records sold to credit agencies

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

COURT records listing companies that are threatened with legal action by creditors are being sold and passed on to credit reference agencies in what lawyers claim is a breach of the law.

The Lord Chancellor has been asked to investigate what is thought to be a recent widespread practice among most county courts in England and Wales to allow credit-check companies to inspect insolvency registers for a fee of £5 an hour.

The records, which contain unpublished details of all winding-up petitions lodged against companies by creditors, are being passed to credit reference agencies and banks, in some cases before companies even know that they have a creditor pressing.

As a result of the records being passed on prematurely, many companies are at risk of having credit facilities wrongly withdrawn from them, forcing them to collapse, lawyers say.

Warren Usden, a solicitor with Hammelburger Marks in Manchester, is taking up the matter with the Lord Chancellor's Department.

He said: "Not only are court records being distributed for profit, which seems to be against the public interest, but there is clearly scope — as in a recent case I dealt with — for a petition to be publicised, even before the respondent company has had the opportunity to test its validity. It is not difficult to see how irreparable damage can be done to companies which find themselves in such a situation."

Peter Griffiths, a barrister specialising in company insolvency, said: "Although often the company is going into liquidation anyway, in some cases the company is not actually insolvent — the petition has just been presented by someone maliciously or the company itself may have been slow in paying up."

He added: "Companies will have the plug pulled on them by banks and in some cases wrongly."

The Lord Chancellor's Department said that the question of access to the records was a matter for the discretion of the judge.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Cooke given £500,000 Telegraph handshake

THE former managing director of The Telegraph newspaper group stepped down with a golden handshake worth more than half a million pounds last year, and kept his place on the board. Joe Cooke received £524,296 as compensation for early termination of his service contract when he stepped down in June, according to the 1994 report and accounts. He was appointed non-executive vice-chairman, and remains a director. He was succeeded by Stephen Grabiner as part of a reshuffle that saw Daniel Colson appointed chief executive.

Conrad Black, chairman, saw his salary rise to £265,000 (£237,000). The emoluments of the highest-paid director fell from £692,000 in 1993 to £382,000 last year in the absence of payment of discretionary bonuses. Mr Colson was the top earner in 1993 on the back of a one-off £480,000 bonus relating to his role in restructuring John Fairfax, the Australian group, in which The Telegraph has a 25 per cent stake. The company declined to name the highest-paid director in 1994.

S&N in Courage talks

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE has confirmed an interest in buying Courage, the Australian-owned brewer, which could lead to the creation of Britain's biggest brewer. The stock market believes such a deal could be worth up to £600 million. S&N said yesterday that it had been in discussion with Foster's, Courage's parent, "with regard to the future ownership of Courage" and that no further announcement would be made until an agreement, if any, was reached. Such a deal has been expected for some months. S&N has already said it has been looking at a restructuring of its operations in the UK.

Ferry company down

THE Isle of Man Steam Packet Co, which provides ferry services to Liverpool, Belfast and Dublin, saw profits drop by £1 million to £2.5 million in 1994 after incurring losses of £2 million on Mannin Line, a new North Sea freight service. The board said that it was reviewing Mannin's position after stormy winter weather again affected reliability, causing the operation to continue to trade at a loss. The total dividend is held at 5.5p a share, with an unchanged final payout of 3.75p, due to be paid on May 8. Earnings declined to 7.6p a share from 10.3p. Results in 1993 included a £1 million exceptional charge.

Taylor Nelson soars

TAYLOR NELSON AGB, the market research company, increased pre-tax profits by 49 per cent last year to £6.2 million, helped by a growing demand for customer information. The dividend for the year has been raised 42 per cent to 0.64p, with the final payment of 0.34p due on July 3. Turnover rose 10 per cent to £61.5 million and earnings per share were 45 per cent higher at 1.83p. The firm's consumer divisions contributed half the profits, but Tony Cowling, chief executive, said that of Taylor Nelson's four divisions, "the star of the show was our healthcare division."

Peace boosts Fitzwilton

THE impact of peace in Northern Ireland is expected to reap further benefits for Fitzwilton, the Irish industrial holding group that owns Wellworth, the Province's leading food retailer, and a 9.4 per cent stake in Waterford Wedgwood. The group returned to the black with pre-tax profits of Ir£8.43 million in 1994, after 1993's disposal-hit Ir£13.8 million loss. Tony O'Reilly, chairman, said increased spending generally in the Province is allied to more cross-border traffic. There is a final dividend of 1.25p, payable on August 18, bringing the total to 2.25p for the year.

T&S raises dividend

THE National Lottery has proved a mixed blessing for T&S Stores, the convenience store and newsagents group. Quieter neighbourhood stores have coped adequately with the extra trade, said Kevin Threlfall, chairman. But the busier Supercigs outlets have struggled to cope with weekend queues. With about 300 stores selling tickets, T&S had secured more than 2 per cent of the market, he said. T&S lifted pre-tax profits in 1994 to £13.9 million (£12.6 million) and earnings to 14.53p a share (13.44p). There is a final dividend of 3.9p a share, due May 26, making a total of 6.5p (6.1p).

Forth Ports to bid for Dundee

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FORTH PORTS is to bid for the Port of Dundee when its smaller northern neighbour is offered for sale in May. "It would complement our business quite nicely," said Hugh Thompson, chief executive of Forth.

Concentrating on dry cargoes such as animal feed, grain, forest products and fertiliser, Dundee generates annual revenues of £5 million and £100,000 of post-tax profits. It is among a number of smaller ports that are being obliged to shed their trust status by the government.

A management buyout team, and perhaps other ports, are expected to compete for the assets. Forth's ambition to acquire Dundee was revealed by Mr Thompson alongside figures that show how Forth, itself a former trust port, has succeeded in driving up profits since its privatisation in 1992.

Pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 rose 43 per cent to £13.7 million. Revenues rose 8 per cent to £35.7 million as containers and tonnage throughput reached record levels on the back of a stronger Scottish economy. Final dividend will be 7.25p, making a total 9.95p, up 37 per cent.

Forth, in strongly expansionist mode, is also planning a roll-on, roll-off Irish Sea terminal and has joined the Rosyth 2000 consortium that hopes to acquire the Rosyth naval and royal dockyards.

ICG lifts profits past £18m

Intermediate Capital Group, a provider of mezzanine capital for buyouts which was floated last June, increased pro forma pre-tax profits 17 per cent to £18.1 million for the year to January 31.

The year's dividend, at 11.5p, is 16 per cent higher than it would have been if the company had been listed in the previous year. The final 7.75p is to be paid on May 19.

Energy hope

Monument Oil and Gas says that the imminent start of production from the Liverpool Bay development and Argentina's Sierra Chata will transform profitability next year. Heavy investment deterred it from paying a dividend for 1994. Pre-tax profits eased to £7.6 million (£7.86 million).

Nestor loss

A £4.5 million charge against selling its hospitals and nursing homes left Nestor-BNA, which now concentrates on providing carers, with 1994 pre-tax losses of £81,000 against £4.5 million profits the previous year. A final dividend of 2p (same) makes 3.15p (same).

Goldsmiths considers Signet buy

BY GEORGE SIVELL

GOLDSMITHS, the jeweller, said yesterday that it would give serious consideration to acquiring parts of Signet's UK jewellery business, but added that it was not currently in negotiations with Signet.

However, Argos, the retailer, declined to comment on suggestions that it would be interested in making an offer for Signet's Ernest Jones or H Samuel chains. Argos, however, has said that it is keen to raise its present share of the jewellery market from 7 per cent.

Signet said it had yet to hear from a group of American investors who are understood to be seeking to call a shareholders meeting to vote on a possible break-up of Signet.

Goldsmiths said yesterday: "We have undertaken feasibility studies on the merit of acquiring parts of Signet's UK jewellery business in conjunction with venture capitalists. We would only consider acquiring any UK jewellery business if such an acquisition were clearly in the best interests of the Goldsmiths and its shareholders."

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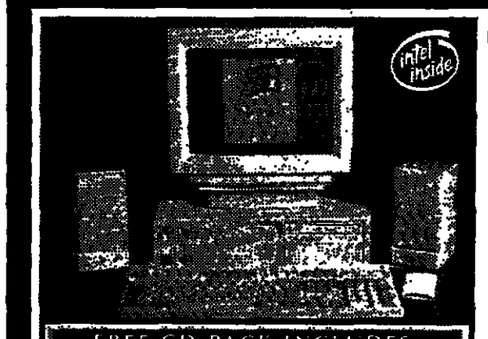
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☐ Investigating the Pru is yesterday's issue ☐ Towards a single market in energy ☐ Building society blues

Tale of the dinosaurs

☐ REGULATORS do not care to be scorned. Their network reaches far and their vengeance can be unforgiving. Only in that mildly melodramatic context can the outside world make sense of yesterday's announcement from the Prudential, that it is under formal investigation by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation.

Those who follow these arcane matters will recall that Lautro has been looking at the Pru's past pension selling practices for almost twelve months. It has vetted a long string of other pension providers, going on to fine big name rivals such as Norwich Union, Legal & General, Scottish Widows and J Rothschild Assurance up to £300,000. Over-enthusiasm in selling transfers from occupational schemes to personal pensions was a *cause célèbre*.

Lautro's examination of Prudential business became public knowledge last summer, in the form of a leaked Lautro memorandum. That can hardly have come as a big surprise. Prudential had nearly a tenth of the pensions market. It had always claimed its selling practices were proper, but they had featured in complaints from, for instance, the GMB union.

However, that was an informal investigation. The memo explained the vigourous personal efforts of Mick Newmarch, then the Pru's forceful chief executive, to make sure it remained informal. Otherwise, he argued, he would be forced to tell the Stock Exchange, leading to unknown dire effects for the Pru and its shareholders, when bad practices had yet to be found.

The regulatory scene has moved on. The Personal Investment Authority is now ruling the pensions roost, forcing firms big and small to enormous expense to check that they did not sell pensions that their customers might legitimately regret. The Pru refused to join what Mr Newmarch regarded as a spoof self-regulating organisation, preferring the statutory but ill-equipped Securities and Investments Board. But it is going through the same exercise as virtually everyone in the industry, setting aside £25 million for the cost and an unspecified sum for possible compensation.

Lautro, along with Fimbra, had been killed off, enduring in a half-life to fulfil its commitments. Mr Newmarch has gone in a puff of publicity, not waiting to be exonerated personally after a Stock Exchange inquiry into sales of option shares.

In the world of bureaucracy, Lautro's formal probe is doubtless a key step forward. It would allow a fine to be imposed for error, though minuscule against the marketing damage already done. It will show that the Pru's opting for regulation by the SIB has not been accepted, forgiven or forgotten. For real folk, this is an irrelevance. In a few years time, the Pru will still be there but financial regulation will have changed fundamentally and the characters in today's official soap opera will be consigned to the archives.

Breaking Europe's power monopolies

☐ PRISING open Europe's energy markets is like watching children in a dentist's waiting room. Prospective patients, unconvinced of the benefits and aware of the impending pain, are hauled bawling to the chair. One by one they emerge, shaken, but dry-eyed.

Within hours, they are enjoying their toffees with renewed vigour. Around a third of European Union members have now braved the trauma of liberalising bloated, monopolistic national electricity and gas markets. The Nordic states, Germany and Portugal have, like Britain, concluded that the pain of job losses and dislocation is worth the competitive gain. The Netherlands, Belgium, the Irish Republic and Greece are wavering. But in a frantic band, France, Spain and Italy still scream defiance in the face of a five-year campaign by the European Commission to break their monopoly practices.

Britain's belated decision to submit evidence to the European Court that the country has suffered no wave of power cuts in the wake of liberalisation is a calculated attempt to get laggards into the dentist's chair. If the court accepts the argument, the defendants' plea for exemption from the Treaty of Rome rules in order to protect security of supply will fail.

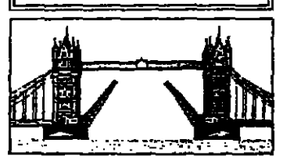
The court may take a year to rule. But the looming day of judgment should help the Commission, and free marketeers in the Council of Ministers, to push a new, liberalising directive on to the statute book.

Providing Europe's consumers and factories with electricity and gas at prices that reflect the cost of production and distribution will cause pain. France makes its excess of nuclear base load generating plant economic by exporting surpluses to its neighbours. Germany uses subsidies to exclude cheap British coal. Customers come second to producers.

Britain grossly underestimated the scope for efficiency gains through competition in generation, and a well-regulated monopoly supply regime.

At a minimum, Commission proposals must allow competition in supply, and effective third party access to the distribution network. EU citizens should ask why Britain, alone, is providing the Commission with the legal support it deserves.

PENNINGTON



Cheltenham's walls of silence

☐ CHELTENHAM & Gloucester's attitude to its members became, on Saturday, quite literally one of dumb insolence. Faced with a packed meeting called by those unhappy about the latest terms of C&G's takeover by Lloyds, the board simply declined to answer a stream of questions from the floor.

The directors won the vote. But they scarcely encouraged any voting member to support them at the official merger meeting on Friday. Except, perhaps, that their behaviour showed what a sham the mutual status of societies has become. Surely no public company would treat its shareholders with such seeming contempt, whatever the excuse. The Lloyds deal appears to have been driven by business and managerial issues. The problems that earlier proposals ran into, which were not fully rectified, suggest that the financial interests of 1.3 million members did not have top priority.

People's membership was worth nothing tangible before, so anything offered to them was a bonus. If only some could benefit, the rest lost nothing. Such patronising ideas show how urgent are the Government's efforts to make building society boards more accountable to members in practice.

At least, the Lloyds deal did crystallise considerable value in C&G for the benefit of members. A conventional building society merger would not have done that. But if mutuality is to go, releasing the value of the business, there appear to be better ways of doing it. Pending a High Court ruling due today, the course chosen by the Halifax and Leeds permanent societies looks a superior model. It should include all well-established members and allow a permanent stake to be maintained.

Ideally, however, conversion to plc status should be the first step if a mutual society is to change its shape fundamentally. Real shareholders could then decide on any mergers or takeovers the board might propose — and any alternative choices offered in a free market.

CHRIS HARRIS



Pearson board members, from left, James Joll, Frank Barlow, David Veit and Lord Blakenham

Mindscape blow for booming Pearson

BY MARTIN WALLER

PEARSON'S Mindscape software business, bought for £310 million last May and feted as a significant new direction for the media-to-merchant-banking combine, contributed just £3.5 million in operating profits to the company in the first eight months of ownership.

This was about half City estimates, and the shortfall contributed to a 15p fall in shares in Pearson to 569p despite a healthy 43 per cent rise in headline pre-tax profits during 1994 to £297.8 million.

Lord Blakenham, the chairman, accepted that Pearson had paid a "substantial price" for the Californian company which took the group into interactive computer software, but denied he had overpaid.

The market for many video-game cartridges suffered last summer from a drop in demand after Sega and Nintendo, the big computer games groups, boosted promotional spending on their own titles. Frank Barlow, Pearson's managing director, admitted Mindscape's performance was "disappointing", adding: "It's been a much tougher debut for Mindscape than we would initially have liked."

But Pearson believes the fall in the cartridge market allowed the company to concentrate on its strengths in CD-Roms, widely accepted as the technology of the future in interactive programmes. Sales of these mushroomed from 16 million to 54 million in the US last year. Lord Blakenham said: "This is an exciting, expanding, explosive market that we need to be in."

Group pre-tax profits were boosted by a much higher contribution from BSkyB, in which the group holds 14 per cent, by the first full-year contribution from Thames TV and by a strong performance from newspapers, including the *Financial Times*.

BSkyB, floated in December and half-owned by News International, parent company of *The Times*, contributed £57.6 million at the operating level, up from £6.9 million in 1993, after a £31.3 million maiden dividend payment.

The entertainment division, which includes Penguin books, BSkyB and Thames, saw operating profits double, from £62.2 million to £129.5 million. Educational publishing, hit by a downturn in the sale of college books in the US, fell 8 per cent to £51.2 million. The information division gained 41 per cent to £84.7 million.

The Lazard merchant banking operations, half-owned by the group, saw attributable profits fall by 17 per cent to £30.2 million.

The group is paying a 9.25p final dividend that makes a total 2p higher at 15p out of adjusted earnings per share up 22 per cent to 34.1p. Lord Blakenham said the intention was to raise dividends at a rate greater than the historic 2 per cent long-term real growth rate achieved by the UK market in recent decades.

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Storehouse backs profit-related pay

BY MARTIN BARROW

EMPLOYEES of Storehouse, the retailing conglomerate, have shown faith in the continuing recovery of their once-ailing company by voting in favour of a profit-related pay scheme that will replace a conventional annual pay rise.

More than 11,700 employees of the company, whose interests span BhS, Mothercare, Blazer and One Up, voted by a large majority to convert up to 20 per cent of their pay into a profit-related scheme. The new scheme, which starts next month, applies to all staff working at least 12 hours a week. Most staff will see their after-tax pay increase by between 4 per cent and 7 per cent, Storehouse estimates, at no extra cost to the company.

Under Inland Revenue rules, 20 per cent of pay (up to a maximum of £4,000 a year) can be related to profit and paid tax-free, provided at least 80 per cent of eligible employees vote in favour of the scheme. Storehouse said its staff would also be eligible for an annual profit-related bonus pegged to profit targets.

The scheme is being introduced as the streamlined company rebuilds profitability after a lengthy period of retrenchment. There were losses of £8.3 million and £17.5 million in 1990 and 1991 respectively, with profits of £15.8 million and £15.2 million in the following two years, before recovering strongly to £62.4 million last year.

Steve Bedford, group development director, said: "With low inflation and with the prospect of increased sales and profits on the back of a major investment programme this is an ideal time to introduce the schemes."

Big cost savings boost Caradon

BY SARAH BAGNALL

CARADON, the building materials group, yesterday revealed a 52 per cent leap in full-year profits, reflecting a tight control of costs and volume growth in its core businesses.

Profits before tax and exceptionals rose from £132.2 million to £201.2 million in the year to December 31. Including one-off items, 1993 profits reached £213.4 million, boosted by a £100 million exceptional profit on the sale of its stake in Carnaud Metalbox.

Peter Jansen, chief executive, said profits benefited from £40 million of cost savings, largely achieved through improved productivity.

Further savings are expected, he added, reflecting Caradon's enhanced purchasing clout after its £808 million acquisition of Pillar in October 1993. Group turnover rose sharply from £960.7 million to £2 billion, while margins rose from 8.9 per cent to 10.3 per cent.

Profits advanced in all core businesses — plumbing, doors and windows, electrical, structural building products, automotive and plastics, and distribution and aviation.

Volume gains were achieved in all the businesses except plumbing, the only activity unaffected by the Pillar acquisition. The blot on the copybook remains security printing, which saw profits slip 23 per cent to £39 million on sales of £199.6 million, down from £212.1 million.

The final dividend, due on June 2, was lifted to 6.6p, making a total of 9.5p, up from an adjusted 8.79p. Earnings per share rose 31 per cent to 19.9p. The shares fell 3p to 262p.

Ulster TV pays peace dividend

PEACE in Northern Ireland helped Ulster Television to increase advertising revenue and sponsorship income by almost 13 per cent last year, outperforming a 7 per cent rise achieved by ITV companies collectively. Growth has continued at a healthy pace in the first quarter of this year (Martin Barrow writes).

The company said continuing peace would boost investment and jobs, although it cautioned that a reduction in spending on security would have a negative impact in the short term. It claims the highest viewing share of all ITV companies, at 44 per cent.

The 1994 dividend is being increased to 20p from 15p previously, with a 12.5p final (8.75p). Taxable profits rose to £7.5 million from £5.1 million and earnings to 48.16p a share from 31.78p. The shares rose 11p to 646p.

ShareLink price soars as talks are confirmed

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in ShareLink Investment Services jumped 24p to 206p after the Birmingham telephone share dealing company confirmed that it is holding talks that may lead to an offer being made for the whole group.

Confirmation of the talks comes after a strong rise in ShareLink's share price over the past few weeks, driven higher by a combination of private buying in thin conditions, a general upturn in trading volumes and bid speculation.

Market speculation on a possible suitor centred on Charles Schwab, the US retail broker that recently established a presence in the UK.

ShareLink, Britain's biggest private investor dealing service, said that it is holding preliminary discussions which may or may not lead to an offer for the whole company at a modest premium to 200p per share. This would value the group in the region of £35 million and upwards. ShareLink said a further announcement would be made in due course.

Any successful offer would reap further substantial rewards for David Jones, ShareLink's founder and chief executive, who is already a millionaire and is sitting on a near 15 per cent stake. ShareLink's share price has seen mixed fortunes since the company came to the market in 1993 at a price of 250p. They traded above the £4 level in late 1993 and early last year, but the initial euphoria, driven by healthy business levels on the back of privatisation issues, soon faded as depressed market conditions took a grip.



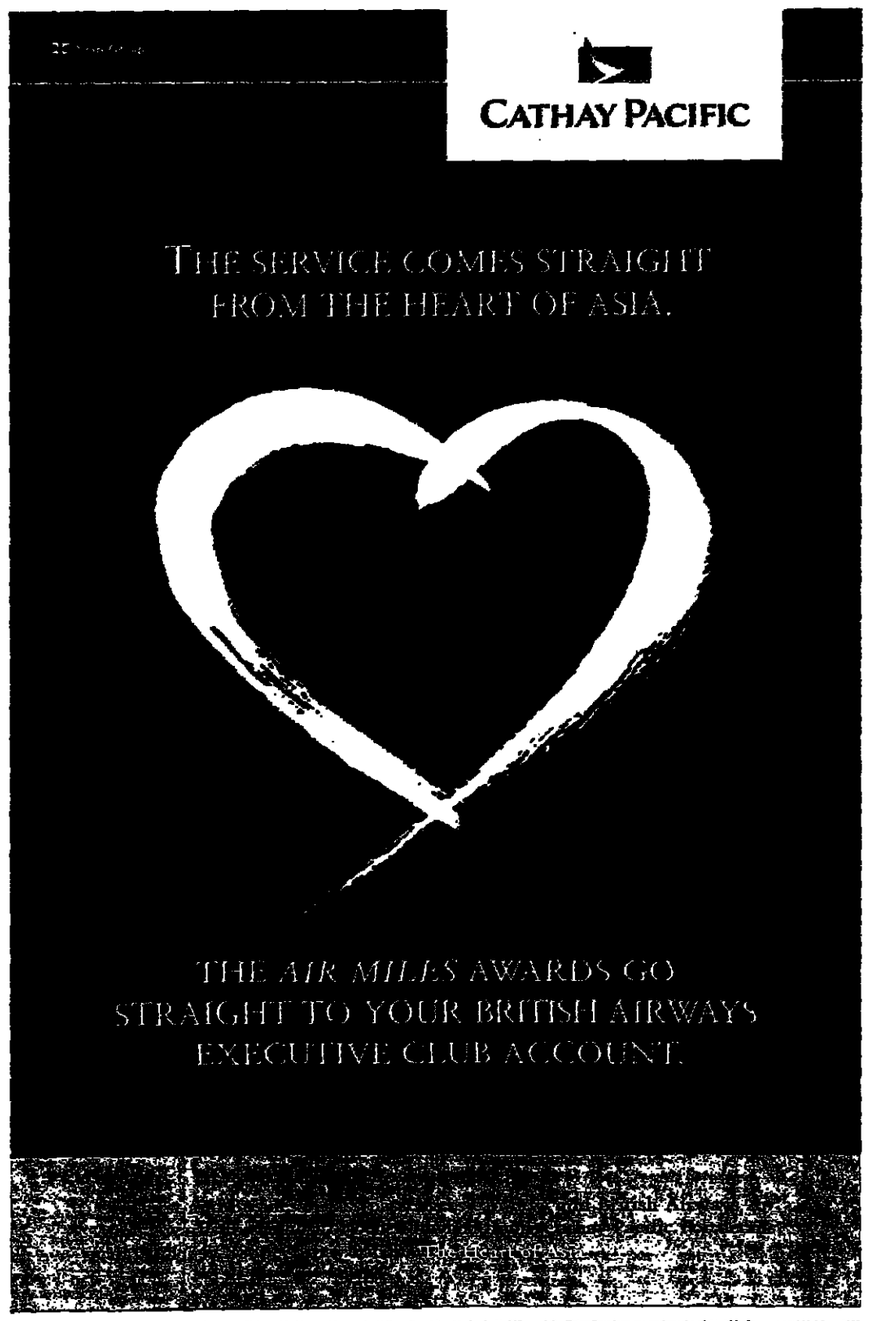
Jones: substantial rewards

The shares slumped as the early bear market prompted a profit warning last September when turnover volumes dropped sharply and stock market prices fell in volatile and competitive conditions.

In November, depressed market conditions and low investor confidence were blamed for a slide into the red at the halfway stage.

ShareLink suffered a pre-tax loss of £468,000 in the six months to September 30, compared with 1993's profit of £3.68 million boosted by privatisation business.

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STOCK MARKET PHILIP PANGALOS



Shares end in the red as rally runs out of steam

THE London market was stuck in the doldrums yesterday as the recent rally ran out of steam, with some mild profit-taking before the FOMC and Bundesbank meetings later this week.

An initial 16.8-point advance, inspired by overseas gains, was soon wiped out as a number of FT-SE 100 shares went ex-dividend. They included **Bowater**, down 7p to 432p, **Legal & General**, 13½p lower at 469½p, **HSBC**, down 15p at 719p, **Reckitt & Colman**, 5p softer at 635p, **Schroders**, 20p weaker at £15.10, **Shell**, down 18p at 703p, **Unilever**, off 8p at £12.06, and **United Biscuits**, 9p softer at 332p.

Futures also dipped, unsettling cash stocks, although there was little evidence of selling and the underlying tone remained firm.

A mixed start on Wall Street did little to inspire a rally in late London trading. The FT-SE 100 index ended down 3.6 points at 3,149.8. Second liners fared marginally better, with the FT-SE 250 up 0.2 at 3,419.9.

Volume, swollen by a number of bed-and-breakfast deals before the end of the quarter this week, reached only 568.5 million shares.

Among companies reporting, results towards the top end of expectations failed to stem profit-taking at **Pearson**, the publishing and information group. The shares fell 15p to 569p, with analysts concerned over the performance of its Mindscape games operation and a lower future contribution from BSkyB.

Brokers trimmed their forecasts for Pearson, whose empire spans the *Financial Times* and Penguin Books to Alton Towers and Madame Tussauds. Hoare Govett, which remains positive on Pearson shares, clipped its 1995 pre-tax forecast by £7 million to £298 million.

Inchcape, the international motor, marketing and services group, was another casualty. It slid 22p to 278p, as brokers slashed their forecasts after another warning accompanied a disappointing, though largely expected, 15.8 per cent slide in annual pre-tax profits to £228.4 million. The dividend rises to 15p (14.8p). The group, chaired by Sir David Plastow, had two profits warnings in the past year, so the market was bracing itself for lower profits. However, Inchcape has made further negative noises on the outcome of the first half of 1995, giving warning that first half results are likely to be below those for 1994's second half. Some brokers are said to have cut their current forecasts by up to £50 million to the £200 million level.



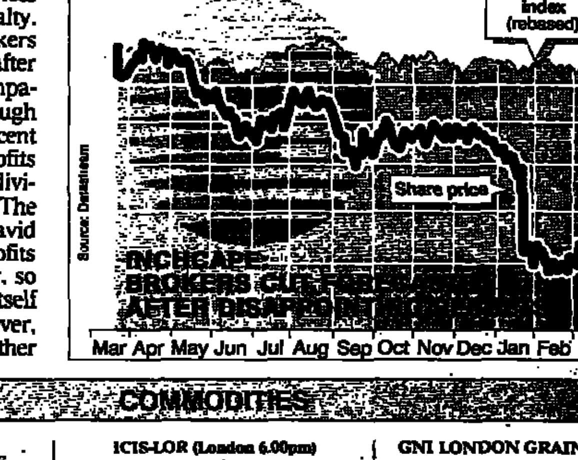
Philip Cushing, Inchcape managing director, left, Sir David Plastow and Charles Mackay, chief executive

Prudential fell 7½p to 318p, ex-dividend, with the shares further depressed by news that the inquiry into its pensions transfers was to be placed on a formal footing by Lautro, the life and pensions industry regulator.

On the bid front, **ShareLink Investment Services**, the Birmingham telephone share dealing company, jumped 26p to 204p after it confirmed talks that may lead to an offer at a "modest premium" to 200p per share. An offer at this level would value the group at about £35 million. News of the talks comes after a strong rise in the share price over the past few weeks, driven up by private buying in thin conditions. Market speculation on a possible suitor had centred on Charles Schwab, the US retail broker that recently established a presence in the UK, though Fidelity was also mentioned.

John Richards, retail guru at NatWest Securities, has taken a closer look at the stores sector. NatWest has changed Marks & Spencer, 2p firmer at 416½p, from a hold to a buy, and reiterated its buy recommendations on Dixons, up 5p to 227p, Storehouse, 2p higher at 230p, and Next, 9p stronger at 287p.

Elsewhere, **Signet**, the former Ratners business that owns H Samuel and Ernest Jones, the jewellery chains, firmed ¾p to to 17½p, after touching 18p½, on volume of 2.59 million shares, surrounded by takeover talk. Fellow jeweller **Goldsmiths Group**, down 4p to 113p, denied it was in takeover talks with Signet, but said it would give serious consideration to acquiring parts of Signet's UK jewellery businesses. The announcement followed reports suggesting Goldsmiths and **Argos**, the cash-rich catalogue shopping group, as possible suitors. Argos fell 9p to 393p.



Speculative interest boosted USM-quoted **Hampden Group** 4p to 49p, with **J Sainsbury**, up 1p to 426p, mentioned as a possible interested party for the Belfast-based operator of Texas Homecare, Allied Carpets and Kwik Fit franchises.

Taylor Nelson AGB rose 2p to 37½ after Britain's largest market research company unveiled a 49 per cent jump in full-year profits.

The brewing sector was also in the spotlight. **Whitbread**, which is creating some 2,500 jobs by expanding its Brewers Fayre pub chain, firmed 1p to 551p, while **Scottish & Newcastle** eased 3p to 511p after confirming it is in discussions with Foster's over the possible acquisition of Courage. Top estimates suggest that the Courage deal could be worth up to £600 million.

P&O sharwes added 6p to 591p, with demand building before today's annual results. UBS expects a good improvement from cruising and containers to help lift P&O pre-tax profits to £360 million (£260 million), with market forecasts ranging from £325-£375 million.

Lloyds Bank rose 5p to 607p, boosted after Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society rebels failed to win the vote at the weekend's special meeting on the conditions of the proposed takeover by Lloyds.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts drifted lower during the day, with dealers unwilling to get involved before today's FOMC meeting in the United States, the gilt auction tomorrow, Thursday's regular Bundesbank council meeting and the Treasury remit.

The June series of the long gilt future ended six ticks lower at £103⁸/₃₂, on quiet volume of 23,000 contracts traded.

Among cash stocks, longer-dated issues were hardest hit, with losses extending to just over £¼, while index-linked saw falls stretch to £¼.

☐ **NEW YORK:** At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 1.04 at 4,137.63.

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SEAQ Volume	675.9m
USM (Datastrm)	147.00 (+0.06)
US$	1.5960 (-0.0013)
German Mark	2.2483 (-0.0042)
Exchange Index	85.4 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2144
£:SDR	1.0339
RPI	146.9 Feb (3.4%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Albright & Wilson (150)	165	...
Beale	180	...
Colleagues	141	+3
Dailywin (128)	130	...
Datrontech (130)	136	...
Geared Inc Inv C (100)	100	...
Golden Rose Cms (135)	119	-1
HTR Inc/Gth Split (100)	101	...
-ditto- Split Div Pf (100)	105	+½
Inv Capital Wts	19	...
Inv Tst of Inv Tsts	84	...
Inv Tst of Inv Tsts Wts	56	...
Melrose Energy Wts	3½	...
Mntnro UK Smlr (100)	95	...
-ditto- Wts	43	...
Nat Power (p/p) (476)	167	-2
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	187	-2
Schroder Grth Fd Uts	514	+4
Superframe Group (50)	43	...
Superframe Wts	7	...
Throg Dual Zero Div Pf	102	...
Zotefoams (145)	175	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Acorn Computer n/p (80)	5½	...
Beauford n/p (28)	1	...
Cookson n/p (175)	28	+2
Horace Sml App n/p (90)	34	...
Rhino Group n/p (8)	¼	...
Unit Group n/p (39)	1½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Jardine Math	559p (+16p)
Mitel	306p (+16p)
FW Thorpe	247p (+11p)
Loades	370p (+10p)
Yorkshire TV	393p (+12p)
Sharelink	204p (+26p)
Takare	214p (+8p)
Commercial Union	557p (+9p)

FALLS:

Inchcape	278p (-22p)
J Cropper	242p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

A yen for trading

AFTER the third profits warning in less than a year, Sir David Plastow, Inchcape's chairman, must hope that the fourth horseman does not prove to be a bid by a predator. Inchcape has been steamrollered by the rapid advance of the yen which has put the company's shares in a downward spiral.

The problem lies in its dependence on Japanese car brands which account for about 60 per cent of its motor import and distribution which in turn makes up over 60 per cent of Inchcape itself. The company has been boxed in by the triple impact of the continuing rise of the yen, recession in Japan and tough trading conditions in virtually all its markets. When the yen gains 5 per cent Inchcape loses £15 million in profits. Further pressure is coming from Japanese manufacturers seeking to pass on part of the pain to distributors. Margins have been hit hard and the return from Japanese vehicles sales in Europe fell to 1.4 per cent while margins on non-Japanese vehicles rose.

The latest warning — that first half profits would be significantly below those of the first half of 1994 — prompted analysts to cut their projections for 1995 for the second time in two months. The City is now looking for 1995 profits of up to £200 million suggesting a prospective rating of 12 times earnings.

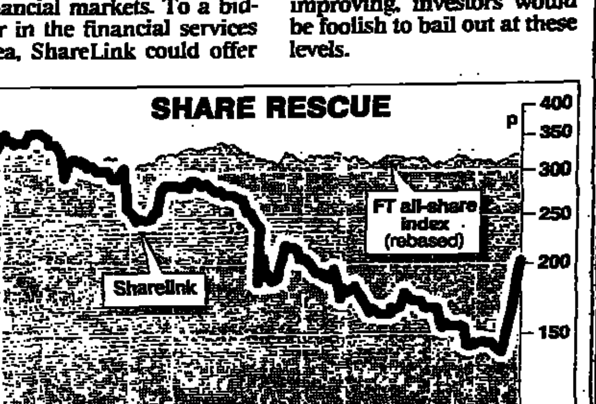
That looks fair but a sensible share market will be looking beyond the current year into 1996, a period too long for any sensible forecast of the yen. The company is taking the view that it needs to hold the line until Japanese manufacturers can recoup their margins in 1996. With sluggish demand for cars in Europe, Inchcape will find it difficlut both to hold that line and hold off bidders.

ShareLink

DAVID JONES, the enthusiastic founder and chief executive of ShareLink, is a good salesman, but he must be wondering how he will drum up support for an offer at almost 25 per cent less than the flotation price of ShareLink two years ago.

ShareLink was always dependent on stock market cycles; low added-value service execution-only dealing depends on volumes to boost its revenues above the high cost of manning phones, screens and settlements. During its brief boom, ShareLink was being touted as a retailer and enthusiasts hoped the shares would escape the less highly rated financial services sector. But when interest rate and tax rises sent private investors back to more basic concerns, ShareLink's weaknesses became fully exposed. Without a broader range of services to sell, ShareLink's earnings will always be volatile.

The company is keen to expand into other areas, such as mortgages, but has yet to launch a product that could lessen its exposure to financial markets. To a bidder in the financial services area, ShareLink could offer huge benefits, a recently updated dealing system and a large client base that could be offered higher-margin products. It is probably being sold near the bottom of its cycle and may never fetch silly prices of £4 again. But with trading said to be improving, investors would be foolish to bail out at these levels.



Pearson

THE market's disenchantment with Pearson yesterday had much to do with disappointment over the performance of Mindscape, née Software Toolworks, bought last May.

But the shares have been strong in the wake of good figures from Reed-Elsevier and it is not hard to argue that the two are quite different beasts. After the disposals and flotations of the past couple of years, Pearson is now, according to taste, either a media laboratory, with all sorts of fascinating and dangerous experiments bubbling away, or a media investment trust with all the dull underperformance that suggests.

The market is unconvinced of synergies derived from bolting together a clutch of unrelated media interests, many of them held as minorities. There are doubts over the long-term performance of Thames TV, for example, once the flow of earnings from the existing libraries starts to weaken. Educational publishing services is a market liable to fluctuate wildly and, as Pearson concedes, may also suffer from the arrival in the classroom of electronic teaching.

Pearson shares sell on more than 16 times this year's earnings, a rating that is viewed in the market as little reason to chase them.

Hammerson

HAVING had their fingers burnt with writs in the recession, property valuers are playing it safe and are marking down — increasing the yield — on any asset which is not tip-top in terms of rental growth potential and strength of lease. Hammerson is the latest victim of their caution and even the worthy Brent Cross suffered a setback in its December valuation after stripping out the effect of recent capital expenditure by the company.

Lack of deals is part of the problem; the institutions are once again chary of the property market, leaving few benchmarks against which to value assets. More disappointing for Hammerson was the downturn overseas with Canadian values still suffering and the French office investment market waiting for a wave of selling from a restructured Crédit Lyonnais.

That is not a reason to doubt Hammerson's strategy; tighter planning controls in France should benefit values long-term and the company has sold out of 5 per cent Australian yields and bought into 8 per cent yields in French shopping centres. Hammerson has the capacity to spend more and could boost its Continental exposure to 30 per cent of gross assets. It is beginning to look cheap at a 25 per cent discount to a NAV of 410p next December and this year should see a dividend increase.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	945-941	May	1024-1021
May	951-949	Jul	1037-1031
Jul	966-965	Sep	1047-1040
Sep	982-981	Dec	1062-1054
Dec	996-994		
Mar	1014-1013	Volume: 2569	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	3110-3080	Nov	2925-2921
May	3011-3010	Jan	2920-2905
Jul	2976-2975	Mar	2900-2860
Sep	2952-2945	Volume: 3807	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	322.0-21.0
Spot: 380.5		Mar	317.5-17.0
May	378.0-77.2	May	317.4-16.1
Aug	364.5-63.4	Aug	315.4-13.8
Oct	332.5-31.2	Volume: 726	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	90.24	130.19	121.89
(+/-)	-0.73	+1.16	+0.17
Eng/Wales:	90.24	130.14	121.83
(+/-)	-0.73	+0.56	+0.04
(%)	-7.0	+14.0	-5.0
Scotland:	unq	130.35	122.22
(+/-)	...	+2.79	+0.85
(%)	...	-16.0	-6.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.75	+0.10
Brent 15 day (May)	17.30	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jun)	17.15	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.95	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	18.80	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	B	O
Premium Gas .15	175 (+1)	177 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	156 (+5)	157 (+4)
Non EEC 1H Apr	155 (+4)	156 (+4)
Non EEC 1H May	153 (+4)	154 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	97 (-1)	99 (n/c)
Naphtha	170 (-4)	172 (-4)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Apr	153.50-53.75	Jul	152.00-52.25
May	151.25-51.50	Aug	153.25-53.75
Jun	151.00-51.25	Vol: 23013	

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	17.32-17.33	Aug	16.88-16.89
Jun	17.13-17.14	Sep	16.79-16.85
Jul	16.96-16.97	Vol: 19776	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	112.90	May	108.25
Jul	114.15	Sep	98.75
Sep	100.40	Nov	100.90
Nov	101.30	Jan	102.90
Jan	103.30	Mar	104.45
Volume: 229		Volume: 17	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	305.0	319.5
May	351.0	356.5
Jul	unq	unq
	Volume: 149	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Apr 123.25-123.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 95	unq	unq	2270
Apr 95	2191	2190	2190
May 95	2100	2080	2100
Jul 95	1885	1870	1883
Vol: 67 lots		Open interest: 4499	
	Index 2281 -8		

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2961.0-2962.0	2935.0-2936.0	1339200
Lead ($/tonne)	598.00-599.00	612.50-613.00	139500
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1022.0-1023.0	1050.0-1051.0	737175
Tin ($/tonne)	5740.0-5750.0	5790.0-5800.0	24612
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1830.0-1830.5	1859.0-1860.0	1928325
Nickel ($/tonne)	7640.0-7650.0	7790.0-7800.0	59800

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3181.0	3201.0	3168.0	3178.0	9375
Previous open interest: 63974	Sep 95				3201.0	0
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3450.0	3450.0	3446.0	3444.0	4
Previous open interest: 4153	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	92.69	92.74	92.69	92.72	18091
Previous open interest: 393163	Sep 95	92.31	92.36	92.31	92.33	12343
	Dec 95	92.01	92.05	91.99	92.01	7753
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95	93.62	93.62	93.62	93.63	5
Previous open interest: 1204	Sep 95	93.42	93.42	93.42	93.43	5
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	94.99	94.99	94.94	94.96	25210
Previous open interest: 730284	Sep 95	94.79	94.79	94.72	94.75	25093
Long Gilt	Mar 95	103-07	103-08	103-01	103-04	400
Previous open interest: 94156	Jun 95	103-18	103-18	103-04	103-08	23758
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	112.90	112.90	112.55	112.64	2881
	Sep 95	112.11	112.11	112.11	111.96	1
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	92.28	92.31	91.92	92.03	74327
Previous open interest: 184621	Sep 95	91.70	91.74	91.53	91.55	254
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.15	93.18	93.11	93.15	1988
Previous open interest: 19589	Sep 95	93.11	93.17	93.10	93.14	607
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.24	96.27	96.23	96.24	2092
Previous open interest: 37928	Sep 95	96.14	96.17	96.10	96.13	1085
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	93.35	94.48	93.35	94.22	42888
Previous open interest: 49718	Sep 95				93.57	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 4½ Week fixed: 6⁵⁄₁₆
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth 6⁵⁄₁₆ . Sell: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth: 6⁵⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⁷⁄₁₆-6¼	6⁷⁄₁₆-6¼	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⅜	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6⅝-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅞-7¾

Overnight: open 6¾, close 4½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⁹⁄₁₆	n/a	6¾	7	7½
Sterling CDs:	6⁵⁄₈-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	7-6¾	7⅝-7½
Dollar CDs:	6.03	n/a	6.15	6.32	6.58
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅛-7	7⅞-7¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6⅝-6⅜	5⅝-4¾
Deutschemark:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	4⅞-4¾	5-4⅞	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5¼-4¾
French Franc:	7⅝-7⅜	7⅝-7⅜	7⅝-7⅜	7⅝-7⅜	9-7
Swiss Franc:	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	3⅞-3⅝	4½-3¼
Yen:	2⅝-2½	2⅝-2½	2⅜-2	2¼-1¹⁵⁄₁₆	2½-1¼

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.10-382.50 Close: $381.70-382.20 High: $382.60-383.10
Low: $381.10-381.60 AM: $382.30 PM: $382.20

Krugerrand: $384.00-386.00 (£241.00-243.00)

Platinum: $415.00 (£260.35) Silver: $4.64 (£2.905) Palladium: $270.25 (£106.80)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 27	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5104-2.5342	2.5104-2.5137	¼-⅛pr	1¼-⅞pr
Brussels	46.22-46.58	46.22-46.32	3-2pr	7-1pr
Copenhagen	8.8940-8.9660	8.8940-8.9090	⅛-1ds	1½-3ds
Dublin	0.9945-0.9995	0.9957-0.9983	3-6ds	6-14ds
Frankfurt	2.2418-2.2610	2.2418-2.2449	¼-⅛pr	1-⅞pr
Lisbon	235.09-237.47	235.09-235.72	85-97ds	245-277ds
Madrid	205.87-206.97	205.87-206.17	49-60ds	161-184ds
Milan	2714.60-2738.70	2714.60-2724.30	8-11ds	28-35ds
Montreal	2.2268-2.2404	2.2373-2.2404	0.34-0.38ds	0.64-0.72ds
New York	1.5922-1.5982	1.5972-1.5982	0.04-0.02pr	0.17-0.12pr
Oslo	9.9790-10.0550	9.9790-9.9940	1⅛-1pr	4⅝-3⅛pr
Paris	7.8830-7.9450	7.8830-7.8940	⅛-1⅛ds	2⅞-3⅛ds
Stockholm	11.6340-11.6820	11.6340-11.6580	1½-2⅛ds	5⅛-6⅞ds
Tokyo	142.19-143.01	142.19-142.44	⅞-¾pr	1⅞-1⅛pr
Vienna	15.79-15.92	15.79-15.83	2½-1⅛pr	7-5⅛pr
Zurich	1.8473-1.8649	1.8473-1.8501	⅞-¾pr	1⅞-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3779-1.3789
Austria	9.97-9.98
Belgium (Com)	29.15-29.16
Canada	1.3996-1.4091
Denmark	5.6175-5.6260
France	4.9720-4.9770
Germany	1.4165-1.4175
Hong Kong	7.7315-7.7325
Ireland	1.5955-1.5985
Italy	1712.75-1715.75
Japan	89.43-89.48
Malaysia	2.5396-2.5403
Netherlands	1.5878-1.5883
Norway	6.2965-6.2985
Portugal	148.67-148.77
Singapore	1.4222-1.4232
Spain	129.63-129.73
Sweden	7.3025-7.3100
Switzerland	1.1675-1.1685

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5938-1.5964
Australia dollar	2.1976-2.2005
Bahrain dinar	0.5935-0.6055
Brazil real*	1.4439-1.4481
China yuan	12.80 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.711-0.721
Finland markka	6.950-7.060
Greece drachma	364.50-371.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.3308-12.3394
India rupee	49.80-50.76
Indonesia rupiah	3516.00-3584.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4655-0.4755
Malaysia ringgit	4.0502-4.0538
New Zealand dollar	2.4558-2.4611
Pakistan rupee	48.60 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9025-6.0285
Singapore dollar	2.2681-2.2711
S Africa rand (com)	5.7531-5.7592
U A E dirham	5.780-5.904

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	692	Legal & Gn	1,200
ASDA Gp	19,000	Lloyds Bk	1,200
Abbey Natl	4,600	MEPC	356
Allied Dom	2,200	Marks Spr	5,100
Argyll Gp	2,900	NatWst Bk	2,100
Arjo Wiggn	765	Nat Power	2,700
AB Foods	1,300	Nth Wst W	660
BAA	1,600	P & O	2,100
BAT Inds	2,400	Pearson	1,900
BOC	453	PowerGen	437
BP	4,800	Prudential	5,700
BTR	6,200	RMC	199
BT	5,300	RTZ	1,600
Bk of Scot	760	Rank Org	3,200
Barclays	3,500	Reckitt Col	711
Bass	5,100	Redland	1,300
Blue Circle	1,000	Reed Intl	528
Boots	699	Rentokil	1,300
Bowater	1,100	Reuters	2,200
Brit Aero	687	Rolls Royce	648
Brit Airwys	3,400	Ryl Ins	1,800
Brit Gas	5,200	Ryl Bk Scot	937
Brit Steel	1,500	Sainsbury	2,200
Burmah Cast	372	Schroders	49
Cable Wire	2,300	Scot & New	6,200
Cadbury	2,400	Scot Power	808
Caradon	6,900	Sears	6,100
Carlton Cms	839	Svrn Trent	621
Cm Union	1,600	Shell Trans	4,300
Courtaulds	220	Siebe	1,200
De La Rue	1,200	SmKl Bch	2,200
Eastern Elec	784	Smith Nph	419
Enterpr Oil	2,500	Southern Elec	295
Forte	9,800	Std Chartd	1,000
GKN	467	Sun Allnce	781
GRE	548	TI Gp	261
GUS	1,300	TSB	1,800
Gen Acc	280	Tate & Lyle	386
Gen Elec	2,200	Tesco	6,900
Glaxo	4,300	Thames W	594
Granada	1,400	Thm EMI	542
Grand Met	2,600	Tomkins	4,200
Guinness	3,900	Unilever	1,500
HSBC	5,300	Utd Bisc	2,800
Hanson	4,900	Vodafone	2,600
ICI	934	Warburg	1,300
Inchcape	6,200	Whitbread	336
Kingfisher	2,800	Wlms Hld	1,800
Ladbroke	3,700	Wolseley	1,200
Land Secs	300	Zeneca	1,700

WALL STREET

	Mar 27 midday	Mar 24 close
AMP Inc	37¼	37¼
AMR Corp	64	62¾
AT & T	52¾	52¾
Abbott Labs	37¼	37¼
Advanced Micro	34½	34¼
Aetna Life	56¼	56
Ahmanson (HF)	17½	17½
Air Prod & Chem	49¾	49
Albertson's	31½	31¼
Alcan Alumnm	26¼	26½
Alco Standard	71½	71½
Allied Signal	38½	38½
Alum Co of Am	40	40½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	48½	49½
Amer Brands	38½	37½
Amer El Power	32½	32¼
Amer Express	34½	34
Amer Genl Corp	32½	32½
Amer Home Pr	74¼	74½
Amer Intl	107	105½
Amer Stores	24½	25½
Ameritech	42½	43½
Amoco	62½	61½
Anheuser-Busch	58	57½
Apple Computer	37¼	37¼
Archer Daniels	19¼	19¼
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	45½	45½
Asarco	25½	25½
Ashland Oil	34½	34½
Atl Richfield	114½	114½
Auto Data Pro	64½	63½
Avery Dennison	39½	39½
Avon Products	57½	57½
Baker Hughes	20	19½
Baltim Gas & El	23½	23½
Banc One	27	27½
BankAmerica	49	48½
Bank of NY	31½	32
Bankers Tr NY	53½	53½
Barnett Banks	45½	45½
Bausch & Lomb	35½	35½
Baxter Intl	34½	33½
Bectn Dicknsn	55½	55½
Bell Atlantic	54½	54
Bell Industries	22½	22½
BellSouth	60	60½
Black & Decker	28½	29½
Block (H&R)	43½	43½
Boeing	50½	49½
Boise Cascade	32½	32½
Bristol Myrs Sq	63½	64½
Browning Ferris	33½	33½
Brunswick	20	20
Burlington Nthn	58½	58½
CBS	65½	66½
CNA Financial	75½	76
CPC Intl	56½	57
CSX	78½	77½
Campbell Soup	50½	49½
Can Pacific	14½	14½
Cptl Cities ABC	88½	88½
Carolina Pwr	27½	27½
Caterpillar	51	51
Central & SW	23½	23½
Champion Intl	40	40½
Chase Manhat	34½	34½
Chemical Bk	38½	38½
Chevron Corp	48½	48½
Chrysler	39½	39½
Chubb Corp	79½	78½
Cigna Corp	75½	75½
Citicorp	43½	43
Clorox	61½	61½
Coastal Corp	28½	28
Coca Cola	57	57½
Colgate-Palmolive	64½	67½
Columbia Gas	22½	22½
Compaq Comp	34½	35
Comp Ass Int	62½	62½
Conagra	33½	33½
Conrail	54½	53½
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	38	38
Cooper Inds	38½	38½
Corning Inc	36	36½
Crown Cork	43½	43½
Dana Corp	24	23½
Dayton Hudson	71½	71½
Deere	79½	80
Delta Air Lines	59½	58½
Deluxe Corp	28½	28½
Detroit Edison	27½	27½
Digital Equip	35½	34½
Dillard Dept St	25½	25½
Disney (Walt)	55½	55½
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donnelley (RR)	35½	35½
Dover Corp	62½	62½
Dow Chemical	69½	70
Dow Jones	38	37½
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Bradstreet	53	53½
Du Pont	59½	59½
Eastman Kodak	52½	52½
Eaton Corp	50½	50
Emerson Elec	66½	66
Engelhard Corp	28	28½
Enron Corp	33½	33½
Entergy	20½	20½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	66½	66
FMC Corp	59½	59½
FPL Group	35½	35½
Federal Express	66½	65½
Fed Nat Mtge	81	80½
First Chicago	49½	49
First Interstate	78½	77½
First Union Rlty	7½	8
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	48½	48½
Ford Motor	25½	25½
GTE Corp	34	34½
Gannett	53½	53½
Gap Inc Del	32½	32½
Gen Dynamics	46½	46½
Gen Electric	54½	55
Gen Mills	62½	62½
Gen Motors	43	42½
Gen Reinsurance	131½	131½
Gen Signal	35½	36
Genuine Parts	39½	39
Georgia Pac	76½	76½
Gillette	83½	84
Glaxo ADR	22½	22½
Goodrich (BF)	45½	45½
Goodyear Tire	35½	35
Grace (W&R)	52½	52½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	22½	22½
Great Wstn Fin	18½	18½
Halliburton	36½	37½
Harcourt General	39½	39½
Heinz (HJ)	39½	39½
Hercules	48½	48½
Hershey Foods	51½	51½
Hewlett Packard	122½	123
Hilton Hotels	75½	73
Home Depot	43½	42½
Homestake Mng	17½	17½
Honeywell	37½	37½
Household Intl	44	44½
Houston Inds	38½	38½
Humana	24½	24½
ITT Corp	102½	102½
Illinois Tool	47½	46½
Illinova	22½	22½
INCO	27½	27½
Ingersoll Rand	31½	31½
Inland Steel	25½	24½
Intel Corp	87½	86½
IBM	84½	83½
Intl Flav & Fr	52	52½
Intl Paper	73	73½
James River Va	23½	24
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	61½	62
Kellogg	59½	58½
Kerr-McGee	49½	48½
Kimberly-Clark	52½	52½
Kmart	12½	13
Knight-Ridder	56	55½
Lilly (Eli)	76	73½
Limited Inc	19½	19½
Lin Brdcsing	121½	121½
Lincoln Nat	40½	40½
Litton	35½	34½
Liz Claiborne	16½	17
Lockheed Martin	53	53½
Louisiana Pac	25½	25½
MCI Comm	20½	20
Marriott Int	34½	34½
Marsh & McLnn	83	82½
Masco Corp	26½	25½
May Dept St	36½	36
Maytag Corp	16½	16½
McDonalds	35½	35½
McDonnell D	55½	56
McGraw Hill	72½	72
Mead Corp	53½	53½
Medtronic	69½	70
Mellon Bk	39½	39½
Melville Corp	34	33½
Merck Inc	43	43½
Merrill Lynch	44½	44½
Minnesota Mine	58½	58½
Mobil Corp	91	90½
Monsanto	79½	78½
Morgan (JP)	60½	60½
Motorola Inc	56½	55½
Natl Semi	18½	18½
Natl Service Ind	26½	26½
Navistar Intl	12½	12½
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	22½	22½
Newmont Mng	40	40½
Niag Mohawk	13½	13½
Nike B	75½	74½
NL Industries	13½	13½
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	39½	40½
Norfolk Sthrn	66	65½
Nthn State Pwr	43½	43½
Norwest Corp	25	24½
Nynex Corp	40½	41½
Occidental Pet	20½	20½
Ohio Edison	19½	19½
Oracle Systems	32½	32½
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11½
Owens Corning	34½	34½
PPG Industries	37½	37½
PNC Bank	24½	24½
Paccar Inc	41½	41½
Pacificorp	19½	19½
Pac Enterprises	24½	24½
Pac Gas & Elect	25½	25½
Pac Telesis	30½	30½
Pall Corp	21½	21½
Panhandle East	22½	22½
Parker Hannifin	43½	43½
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	45	44½
Pennzoil	47½	47½
Pepsico	40½	40½
Pfizer	88½	88½
Phelps Dodge	56½	56½
Philip Morris	67½	67
Phillips Pet	35	35
Pitney Bowes	36½	36
Polaroid	35	35½
PriceCostco	14½	14½
Procter & Gmbl	69½	70
Providian	35½	35½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	34½	34½
Ralston Purina	47½	47½
Raychem Corp	40½	41
Raytheon	73½	72½
Reebok Intl	34½	34½
Reynolds Metals	47½	48½
Roadway Srvcs	49½	49½
Rockwell Intl	39½	38½
Rohm & Haas	57	58
Royal Dutch	117½	117½
Rubbermaid	33½	33½
Safeco Corp	59½	55½
St Paul's Cos	50½	50½
Salomon Inc	33½	33
Santa Fe Pac	22½	11½
Sara Lee Corp	27½	27½
Scecorp	16	15½
Schering Plough	78½	77½
Schlumberger	58½	58½
Scott Paper	85½	86½
Seagram	32	32
Sears Roebuck	52½	52½
Shell Trans	69½	69½
Sherwin Wlms	34	34½
Skyline Corp	17½	17½
Snap-On-Tools	35½	35½
Southern Co	20	20½
Sthwestern Bell	42½	42½
Sprint Corp	30½	30½
Stanley Works	39½	39½
Sun Company	28½	29½
Sun Microsys	35½	35½
Suntrust	54½	54½
Supervalu	26½	26½
Sysco Corp	26½	27
TRW Inc	68	67½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	16½	16½
Tandy Corp	48½	48½
Teledyne	22½	22½
Temple Inland	45½	45½
Tenet Healthcare	16½	16½
Tenneco	46½	46½
Texaco	66½	65½
Texas Inst	95½	94
Texas Utilities	31½	31½
Textron	55½	55½
Time Warner	38½	38½
Times-Mirror A	19½	19½
Timken	35½	35½
Torchmark	41½	41½
Toys R Us	24½	24½
Transamerica	57	57½
Travelers	38½	39
Tribune	54½	54½
Tyco Labs	53½	52½
UST Inc	30½	30½
UAL	100	95½
USX Marathon	17	16½
Unicom	24½	25
Unilever NV	128½	128
Union Camp	49½	49½
Union Carbide	31½	31½
Union Pacific	54	53½
Unisys Corp	9½	9½
USAIR Group	6½	5½
USF&G Corp	14½	14
US Life	32½	32½
US West	40½	41½
United Tech	67½	67½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
Upjohn	37½	38
VF Corp	50½	50½
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24½
Warner-Lambert	79½	79½
Wells Fargo	156½	159½
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	38	38½
Whirlpool	53	53½
Whitman	19½	19½
Winn Dixie	56½	56½
Woolworth	17½	17½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45½	45½
Xerox	119½	117½
Yellow Corp	16½	16½

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Dom.	500	34	43	49	1	12½	16
(*531)	550	4	13½	23	21½	38	41
Argyll	280	9½	16	21	7	15½	18½
(*280)	300	2½	8	13	21	29	31
ASDA	70	6½	8	9½	1½	2½	4
(*74)	80	2	3	5	7	8	9
Boots	500	24	34½	42½	3	14½	17½
(*518)	550	2½	9½	18½	32½	44	45
Br Airways	390	13½	24½	33½	9½	17½	22
(*397)	420	2	11½	20	24	35½	39½
BP	420	11½	22½	32	5	12½	18½
(*425½)	460	0½	6½	14½	34½	39	42½
Br Steel	140	15½	19½	22	0	2½	4
(*155)	160	2	7	10½	6½	10½	12½
C & W	390	11	22½	32	7½	18½	23
(*392½)	420	1½	10	19	28	37	40½
CU	543	32	—	—	6	—	—
(*556½)	592	2½	—	—	36½	—	—
ICI	700	37	57½	67	4½	14½	22
(*731)	750	7½	28½	40	25½	36	45½
Kingfishr.	460	13½	22½	32½	11½	24½	30
(*460)	500	1	8	16½	46	50½	54
Land Sec	550	47	54	58	0	9½	12
(*593½)	600	9	19½	27	12½	31½	35
M & S	390	28	34	40	0½	6½	9½
(*416)	420	5½	14	21½	8½	19	22
Nat West	500	28½	45	52½	3	11	18½
(*523½)	550	3½	18½	27½	28½	35½	43½
Sainsbury	420	12½	22	31	5½	15½	19½
(*426)	460	0½	6½	14½	34	41½	44½
Shell	700	12½	32	45	8	17	24
(*702½)	750	0½	10½	21½	47½	48½	53½
Smkl Bch.	500	19½	33½	46	5½	16½	22½
(*513)	550	1½	12	23	37½	45	49½
Storehse	220	12½	18	21½	1	5½	7
(*230)	240	2½	7½	12	11	15½	17½
Trafalgar	50	9½	11	12½	0	1	1½
(*59)	60	2	5	7	2½	4½	5½
Unilever.	1200	24	60	83½	14	30	38
(*1205)	1250	5½	36	57	46½	57½	64½
Zeneca	850	49	74½	87½	6	18	22
(*890)	900	17½	45	58½	25	38½	48
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met.	360	34	39½	46	3	7½	8½
(*388½)	390	11½	20	27½	12	18	30
Ladbroke.	160	11½	16½	19½	3½	7	9½
(*165½)	180	3	7½	10½	15½	18	20½
Utd Bisc	330	16	28	32½	10	16	19½
(*332)	360	5	16	19	29½	33½	36½

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	450	34	—	—	2	—	—
(*470½)	475	7½	—	—	10½	—	—
Thames W	460	29½	39½	43	1½	14½	18
(*486½)	500	4	15½	22	17	36	39½
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	28	41	47½	6½	15	19
(*441)	460	8	19½	27½	24	35½	39½
BTR	300	32	40½	43½	1½	4	8
(*328½)	330	10½	20½	24½	10	14	19½
Br Aero	487	23½	—	—	13	—	—
(*495)	536	5½	—	—	43½	—	—
Br Telcm	360	33	39½	42½	1	7½	9½
(*388)	390	11½	20	24½	10	20½	22
Cadbury	447	19	33	—	8	14	—
(*455)	486	3	14½	—	32	36	—
Guinness	420	35	41	48½	4½	8½	11½
(*454½)	460	7½	19	26½	22½	27	29½
GEC	280	19½	25	27½	2	8	10½
(*294½)	300	7	13½	17	10	17½	20½
Hanson	220	20½	23	25	1	4	6
(*237½)	240	6	11	14	7½	12	15
LASMO	160	10½	14½	19	4½	7½	9
(*163)	180	3	6	10½	17½	19½	20½
Lucas	180	17	22½	26	2½	6	10½
(*194)	200	5½	12	16	12	15½	20½
Pilkingtn.	160	12½	15½	18	1	5	7
(*168)	180	2½	5½	8	12	16	17½
Prudential	300	23½	33	36½	3½	7½	10
(*318)	330	6	16	20	16½	20½	24
Redland	420	39½	43	48	7½	12½	18
(*457½)	460	11½	21	26½	27½	32½	37½
R-Royce	160	9½	15½	18	4½	7½	10
(*163½)	180	2	6½	9½	17½	19½	21½
Tesco	260	8½	14½	18½	9	12	14½
(*263)	280	1½	7	10½	22½	25	27
Vodafone	200	14	20	25½	4	8½	11
(*208½)	220	4½	10½	15½	14½	19	21½
Williams	330	12½	19	22	10	16	19
(*336½)	360	1½	7½	11	33	35½	38

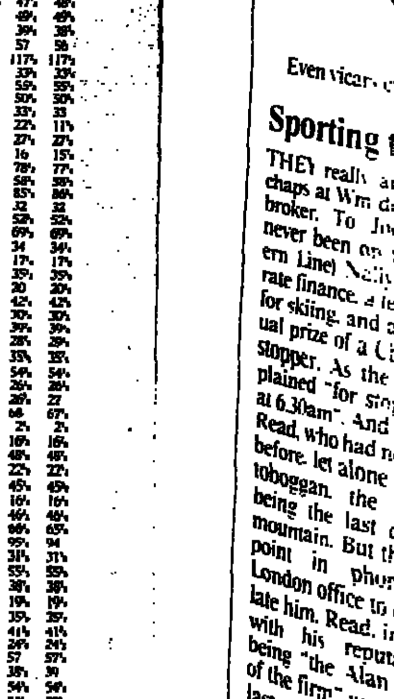
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	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Apr	168½	124½	85½	53½	28½	12
May	189½	149	112½	82	56	36½
Jun	202	165½	131½	102	77	55½
Jul	225	188½	157	127½	102	80½
Dec	296½	—	236½	—	181	—
Puts						
Apr	4½	10½	20½	39½	67½	105
May	17	27	40	60½	86½	118
Jun	27	40	56½	77½	103	132½
Jul	42	55½	73½	94	119½	148½
Dec	78	—	115	—	160	—

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat.	460	25	35	42½	13	19½	22
(*466½)	500	8½	16½	23½	37	42	44
Amstrad	150	24½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*170½)	175	9½	—	—	10½	—	—
Barclays	600	44½	56	68	11½	21½	28½
(*624)	650	17½	30	42½	36	46½	51
Blue Circ	280	17½	23	29	12	16½	20½
(*289)	300	8½	14½	20½	23½	28	31½
Br Gas	280	17	21	24½	7	10½	15
(*292)	300	6	11½	15	18½	21½	26
Dixons	220	16½	19	22½	7	13½	14½
(*225½)	240	8	10	13	19½	25½	26
Forte	220	20½	25	27½	4½	7½	9½
(*237½)	240	8	13	17	14	17	19
Hillsdwn	180	6½	11	13½	11	13½	15½
(*181)	200	1	5	6½	27½	28	29
Lonrho	140	14½	17½	20½	4	6½	8½
(*148½)	160	4½	8	11½	14½	17½	19
Sears	100	7½	10	10½	2½	4	5
(*105)	110	2½	5	5½	8½	9½	10½
Thm Eml	1050	54½	68½	81½	18	37½	44
(*1072½)	1100	28	42	56	42	64½	70½
Tomkins	220	24½	28	31½	3	7½	9½
(*238½)	240	12	15½	20½	10½	16½	18½
TSB	240	14½	21	25½	10½	15	16½
(*242)	260	7	12½	16½	22	26½	27½
Wellcome	1000	54½	63	—	1	8	—
(*1052)	1050	22	24½	—	16	25½	—
Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	700	23½	48	64½	10½	25	40½
(*711)	750	4½	25	40	41½	52½	68
HSBC	700	33	61½	77	11½	29½	42½
(*718½)	750	10	37½	52½	38	55½	68
Reuter	460	25	40½	51½	3½	12½	17½
(*480)	500	5	19	30½	23½	31½	36½
Series		May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	280	20	27	31	5½	10	14
(*292½)	300	9	16	20½	14½	20	23½
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	14	19½	23½	8½	12½	15½
(*165)	180	6	11	15½	21	24½	27
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	550	41	53½	63	10	20½	32½
(*576½)	600	15	28	39	33½	53½	60
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	23	28	35	15½	19½	22
(*428½)	460	5½	12	18½	43	45½	47
Scot Pwr	300	31½	37	40½	4½	11½	12
(*323)	330	12½	19	24½	16	28	26

March 27, 1995 Tot: 27126 Call: 13828 Put: 13298 FT-SE Call: 6620 Put: 6684

*Underlying security price.



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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

World class in Wengen

PHILEAS FOGG took 80 days to go round the world. Willie McLucas, the lively investment manager of mining finance house Waverley Mining, recently did it in four. How? By squeezing Australia, Alaska, South America (including north and south Patagonia), Russia and Scotland into one conference room in Wengen, Switzerland, in which chiefs of the companies in which Waverley is invested outlined their investment case to UK fund managers and brokers. Useful tit-bits come out of rooms in Switzerland, including the planned London listing of at least three new companies. One, the Scottish Coal Company, whose executives include several who used to work for British Coal, is market bound. Two, Eurasia Mining, which is dedicated to gold mining in the Urals, is undertaking a £2.5 million share placement and wants to transfer its domicile from Australia to London. Three, Monto Minerals, which in Queensland is developing an ilmenite deposit (the stuff that puts the white into paints) over an area whose length equates to the distance from London to Birmingham, wants to be quoted in London. Watch this space.

Christmas spirit

IAN FORSYTH, in-house analyst at Winterflood Securities, must be wondering if there is ever a month when he is not feeling it is Christmas. He celebrated the festival at home on December 25. He was in Wengen recently, home of the British-founded DHO (Down Hill Only ski club) and where even the vicars ski, and where the village is still bedecked with Christmas decorations. In his diary, he has an entry for April 27 which reads "Office Christmas Party" — when Brian Winterflood, the founder, hosts his traditional Christmas-in-April bash. When Winterflood was established in 1988, it didn't make enough money by December to throw a party. But it made a profit in April, and now is one of the most popular annual out-of-season City events.



Even vicars cut a dash

Sporting types

THEY really are sporting chaps at Wm de Broe, the broker. To Joe (I have never been on the Northern Line) Nally of corporate finance, a team medal for skiing, and an individual prize of a Champagne stopper. As the judge explained "for stopping last at 6.30am". And to Jeremy Read, who had never skied before, let alone been on a toboggan, the prize for being the last down the mountain. But there is no point in phoning the London office to congratulate him. Read, in keeping with his reputation of being "the Alan Whicker of the firm" was in Russia last month, in Wengen earlier last week, then Finland — and is now headed for China.

WHAT do you give to Antony Doulton, a many times great-grandson of the founder of the fine china group, when you discover that he only ever buys, and never sells. Why, a pair of cufflinks enscribed "sell" on one link and "buy" on the other.

COLIN CAMPBELL
Wengen

Fight is on to sell Telekom to Germany's sceptical Sids

Germans' thinking needs a shake-up for their telecom flotation to succeed, says **Eric Reguly**

The drive to privatise Deutsche Telekom, the third-largest telecommunications company in the world, is gaining momentum. Yesterday the German Government announced that it will make telephone licences freely available to competitors when it dismantles Deutsche Telekom's monopoly in 1998. It wanted potential investors to know now that it will not protect the company from market forces.

The German authorities are due next week to announce which financial communications firm will play the lead role in the equity sale, worth an estimated £6 billion. London firms, which have the most privatisation experience, are top of the list. Insiders say that Dewe Rogerson, which was shrewd enough to submit its proposal in German, is a leading contender. Dewe handled the sale of the first two tranches of British Telecom, BT1 and BT2. The Germans' main concern is that Dewe will have its hands full with the Railtrack privatisation.

Other contenders include Shandwick Communications, and Hill & Knowlton and Burson-Marsteller, both of which have offices in Germany. Brunswick, which handled the BT3 share sale, is not thought to be in the running. The beauty contestants strut across the stage for the last time on April 4; the envelope revealing the winner of the £1 million plus account will be opened a few days later.

The winner faces an enormous challenge. It will have to co-ordinate the international public and investor relations for the biggest European privatisation of 1996. When the sale is completed, Deutsche Telekom will displace Allianz, the German insurance group, as the largest company on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

More importantly, it will have to develop the sales strategy in Germany, where equity ownership is largely an alien concept. British Gas found Sid, but the average German investor keeps his money in savings accounts and risk-free government bonds and views shares with suspicion; they are the investment tools of institutions and the rich. Phil Swallow, BT's regulatory affairs adviser in Germany, said: "There is a lot more interest from the business community than from individuals. I don't sense that the average person wants to rush out and buy the stock."

The consequences could be dire if the German investor fails to warm to the idea of becoming an owner of Deutsche Telekom as well as a customer. The Government, to its embarrassment, would have to rely on foreign markets to soak up the issue. At the moment, it hopes to sell at least half the shares in Germany. A failed domestic sale would jeopardise future privatisations and humiliate Frankfurt, whose ambition is to displace London as the financial capital of the European Union.

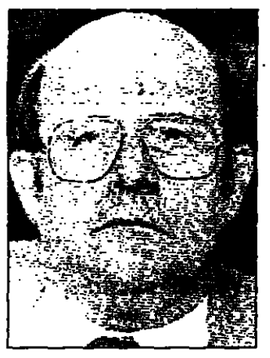


Theo Waigel fears that competition will hit Deutsche Telekom's float

Since the early 1980s, there have been about 200 initial public offerings in Germany, but their combined value was a tiny DM22 billion (about £10 billion at current exchange rates). The first tranche of Deutsche Telekom alone will be worth about DM14 billion. According to Kleinwort Benson Securities, a co-leader of Deutsche Telekom's British tranche (led by SG Warburg), the total value of all the new equity sold in Germany in 1993 was a paltry DM1.5 billion.

Lufthansa, the last German privatisation of significant size, was hardly a runaway success. The shares, issued last year at DM182 through Dresdner Bank, have been trading at about DM172.

How will the Germans be convinced to buy? A huge advertising campaign, along the lines of the BT sales, will be necessary and will have to appeal to unsophisticated and sceptical investors. "There's a big difference between telling someone that a privatisation is coming and convincing them it's specifically aimed at them, and not just the rich," a public relations executive said.



Bötsch: opening the market

Germans also have to be convinced that Deutsche Telekom shares have a better chance of going up than down. This may be difficult, especially after yesterday's news that Wolfgang Bötsch, the German Post and Telecommunications Minister, has decided against awarding a limited number of telephone licences when the market is deregulated. Any company that meets certain criteria, such as financial health and commitment to service, will be given the chance to nibble into Deutsche Telekom's market. "The announcement did not make Telekom look any more attractive," one analyst said.

Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, apparently shares the same concern. In a letter to Herr Bötsch, he said that unfettered competition might jeopardise Deutsche Telekom's privatisation. Even without competition, the company has not been profitable. It reported net losses in 1991, 1992 and 1993, after paying a government levy of about 3 per cent of turnover (that levy ends this year).

Analysts think that Deutsche Telekom, like BT, will not lose a significant share of the residential market. However, it is vulnerable on the business side. BT, Cable and Wireless and AT&T, America's largest overseas telephone carrier, have Deutsche Telekom's business clients in their sights. BT recently established is European beachhead through a telecoms joint venture with Viag, the German industrial group. C&W set up a joint venture with Veba, another industrial conglomerate, and AT&T is talking with RWE, the German utility. "There will be tremendous pressure on their business market," the analyst said.

Deutsche Telekom, however, appears to have tremendous scope for cost cutting. It is bloated and inefficient, much like BT before it was privatised in 1984. It has 230,000 employees, plans to shed 60,000 of them by the end of the decade and may have to get rid of more. Kleinwort Benson, in a recent report, said: "We believe that both privatisation and competition will force the company to take further operating costs out of the business."

Kleinwort points out, for example, that the company has 62 employees per 10,000 telephone lines, against a European average of 51 employees and a mere 41 among America's Baby Bells, such as Bell Atlantic.

The Government and Deutsche's Telekom's financial advisers can also structure the share sale to appeal to small investors. The Government has already given the market a psychological boost by dropping the shares' nominal value from DM50 to DM5.

Financial advisers are likely to recommend that the privatisation adopt some of the features that made many of the British privatisations so successful. Options include low commissions, tax incentives and payment by instalments over a couple of years.

The shares will be more attractive if they pay a relatively high dividend. The German equity market pays an average yield of 1.8 per cent, against 4 per cent in the British market. Simply beating the German market average will make the shares attractive to German retail investors.

Privatising Deutsche Telekom will require no less than a revolution within the company and German society itself. Deutsche Telekom will have to reduce its workforce and prices, learn how to compete with experienced pros such as BT and AT&T and please its customers with a novel concept called service. Investors will have to accept that government paper, while safe, is not the only route to financial independence. "The Telekom sale will," said one of the company's financial advisers, "involve huge cultural changes."

Opening soon: Deutschemarks & Spencer

The quintessential high street store eyes new frontiers. **Susan Gilchrist** reports

Marks & Spencer is looked upon as the most British of British retailers. Its *St Michael* brand has become an icon of the high street in this country and sets the pace for its rivals. But now the quintessentially British chain plans to expand into the distinctly alien and unexplored territory of China.

Some may be surprised at the move, but seasoned M&S observers know that the group has always had ambitious overseas expansion plans and has been quietly getting on with them for some time.

Unlike many of its competitors, who have gone down the path of high-profile acquisitions and in some cases, high-profile flops, M&S has primarily chosen the typically conservative route of organic step-by-step expansion. Keith Oates, M&S's deputy chairman and managing director, says the group's strategy is to grow gradually from its core UK base: "It's a bit like a pebble thrown into a pond," he says. "The ripples move out slowly from the centre."

> Why would we want to buy a retailer only to put our name over the door?

The group opened its first overseas store on the Boulevard Haussmann in Paris 20 years ago and now has almost 450 M&S outlets in more than 25 countries around the world. And there are more in the pipeline. Germany is soon to be added to the list as well as China; Italy is a strong contender and moves of some kind into Japan have not been ruled out.

Mr Oates says future development, like much of that in the past, will be based on the trusted organic route. "M&S has such a strong brand name, why would we want to buy another retailer — and all that expensive goodwill — only to put our own name over the door?"

He says the group has very specific requirements for its stores and is therefore better off buying them on a piecemeal basis rather than trying to digest an entire chain. "We want large 40,000 sq ft stores in prime sites so that whichever store you walk into around the world, be it Paris, Madrid or Hong Kong, the look and image is right. We recognise we are now selling to an international customer who may well go into M&S in many countries."

M&S's reluctance to embark on the takeover trail may also lie with its less than successful acquisition of Brooks Brothers in 1988. The group openly admits it paid too much for the business which was knocked sideways by recession.

M&S has also learnt the lessons of its bitter experiences in Canada. Sir Richard Greenbury, the group's forthright chairman, recently remarked that it would have been difficult for M&S to have got it more wrong. The company now recognises it was trying to expand too fast and too far from home.

"We tried to have a nationwide chain in a country that covers more than three million square miles," says Mr Oates. "We should have concentrated on getting, say, Ontario right before moving on to the next region." That strategy has now been adopted and Canada is back in the black.

But this softly softly approach to expansion does not mean progress will be glacially slow.

Last year's decision to introduce the Outstanding Value Campaign to Europe and cut prices by 15 per cent made it clear that M&S intends to be a major player in the European retailing scene.

"We do not want to be a boutique operator," says Mr Oates. "We want to be a volume retailer. And if that means sacrificing some margin in the short term that is what we will do."

He dismisses suggestions that the aggressive drive in Europe means that the company is reaching saturation in the UK. M&S plans to spend almost £1 billion on new sites and store extensions in this country over the next three years. "It is not an either/or situation," says Mr Oates. "We are still growing in the UK and there are good opportunities for expansion overseas. We will do both."

BUSINESS LETTERS

A question of extending shareholders' influence

From Mr Edward Wilkinson

Sir, Mr H. J. Belsey's letter (March 17) gives me the opportunity to raise another important point about shareholders' rights and ability to influence directors who don't want their advice and try to avoid questions on their past performance, salary levels and general conduct of the company's affairs.

It should be remembered that for a company with a year-end of March 31 it is probably early June before the preliminary announcement of the previous year's results is made and late September before the AGM takes place. By this time the results being discussed and approved are history and the company is six months into its next year's trading. The chairman may comment on the current year's trading if he feels so inclined!

So far as asking questions at the AGM is concerned, institutional investors will long ago have had a visit from the company to explain itself and answer detailed questions. For the average small investor to get up at an AGM is an intimidating way of exercising his/her rights. Therefore if the Government wishes to strengthen the way in which such shareholders exercise their influence they must enable them to have better access to extending the powers of the auditors by routeing questions through them or via the merchant bank; any way to avoid another agency or ombudsman!

Mr Belsey's proxy will have been of no use unless a majority of shareholders return their cards and then turn up at the AGM and demand a poll in accordance with the "mem & arts" of the company.

I hope the Greenbury committee may give consideration to this problem.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD WILKINSON,
Thornbury,
Ashford in the Water,
Bakewell, Derbyshire.

In which they serve

From Mr John Argenti

Sir, You report that the General Secretary of the TUC wants companies to expand the role of governance to reflect the stakeholders approach, that is, the belief that companies exist to serve their community, their employees, their suppliers and their customers as well as their shareholders ("Monks proposes company law reform", March 18).

While the stakeholders theory is currently politically correct, it is incorrect in every other imagineable context. No company — indeed no human organisation — can operate effectively with more than one single, unequivocal, corporate objective; schools are not there for their teachers, for their textbook suppliers and for their students; they are there for their students, period.

Hospitals are not for doctors, porters, nurses, patients and drug companies; they are for patients full stop. Golf clubs are for golfers, the Guides is for girls, the EC for Europeans . . .

It was the belief that companies are there for everyone that seduced the socialists into nationalisation by which device, they assured us, companies could at last be run for the benefit of all. Mr Monks, I am sure will recall for whose benefit that actually turned out to be.

Oh, and by the way, trade unions are for their members — period!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ARGENTI,
Pettistree Lodge,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

Unmarketable shares

From Mr J. P. Simon

Sir, Australian listed companies appear, in their annual reports, to give the number of shareholders who do not hold a marketable parcel of shares, and, with one such company in which I am a shareholder, 2,027 out of a total of 6,730 shareholders appear to fall into this category.

In this country, no such detail is currently disclosed as such and yet it seems to me likely that, despite the existence of low-cost execution-only share shops and similar, there must be some shareholders who effectively are in the position of owning shares in non-marketable parcels ("the shareholdings") and who would like, as part of a portfolio tidying up operation or otherwise, to dispose of the shareholdings.

I am looking at the possibility of establishing a system whereby the shareholdings could be transferred to Newco in the hope that a sufficient number in the same undertakings might be transferred to produce, in time, marketable parcels. Following a sale of a marketable parcel, the proceeds or some percentage thereof might then be distributed or paid to a charity, at the option of the former owner.

Does a need exist? Only if it does, would the exercise be worthwhile. It occurs to me that, with your readers' postbag, you may well have an insight into whether it is a matter which should be seriously pursued.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN P. SIMON,
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2 Acol Road, NW6.

Jobs and the 'feel-good' factor

From Mr John Wells

A propos Philip Bassett's excellent article in today's Times (February 16), the statistical fog enveloping UK labour market statistics has already been lifted by the publication of revised employment estimates.

Thus even with the revisions, the Employment Department's series, based on employer returns, records an increase of just 275,000 jobs since the December 1992 peak in unemployment, whilst claimant unemployment has fallen by 607,000 over the same period. This implies, even ignoring the moderately expansionary influence of demographic factors on the population of working age, a reduction in labour force participation — the opposite of what might be expected during the recovery stage of the economic cycle.

The suspicion persists — not that the claimant count is "fiddled" — that one of the reasons it is falling so rapidly is the Employment Service's improved capacity to get the unemployed off the dole into training and jobs (albeit at the expense of the non-claimant unemployed) as well as into inactivity.

The department's household Labour Force Survey records a closer match between employment increases and unemployment reductions; even so, it also registers a decline in labour force participation for men. Moreover, of the jobs created, none are full-time wage employment; all consist of part-time wage employment and full- and part-time self-employment.

Little wonder that the Chancellor thinks the "feel-good" factor will take time to register.

Yours faithfully,
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Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge.

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Equity prices run out of steam

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BANKS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Natl	467	+4	4.8	10.1
314	233	Allied Irish†	270	+1	5.3	10.4
278¼	171	Aus New Z	222	...	5.1	8.1
3300	2462½	Bank America	3062½		...	...
247	172½	Bank Scotland	221	+1½	3.0	12.6
640	487	Barclays†	624	+5	4.2	9.2
319	246	Bk of Ireland	315	+2	4.6	9.1
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2700	+43¾		
285½	203	Close Bros†	250	...	4.0	11.3
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£139¾	+10¾	6.4	...
1296½	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1128½	+31½	0.5	
£344¼	£270¼	Deutsche Bk	£296½	−6¾	2.5	..
1315¼	625	Espirito Santo	656¼	..	12.4	*
90	57	First Nat Fin	73	−2	2.6	46.6
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1227½	+31½	0.6	
473	195	Hambros	214	..	8.8	13.1
1113	589	HSBC†	719	+4	4.7	9.0
1133	478	HSBC Hk†	706	+3½	4.8	8.9
443	383	Joseph (L)	383	..	5.8	11.1
693	424	Kleinwort Bens	653	..	4.1	12.7
660	519	Lloyds†	607½	+5	5.3	10.2
620¼	472	Nat Aust Bk	518	..	6.5	9.1
622	421	Nat Westm†	524	+6	5.2	8.5
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2350	..	6.7	3.3
79	53	Rea Bros	56	..	2.0	16.2
528	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	415	−5	4.1	11.9
1574	1050	Schroders†	1510	−5½	1.7	14.7
1458	1043	Schroders N/V†	1338	−5½	1.9	12.3
114	75	Singer & Fried	82½	..	5.4	*
359½	223	Stand Chart†	291	+1½	3.4	8.8
291	197	TSB†	242½	..	4.7	10.4
1012	569	Warburg SG	727	−3	3.8	13.3
£105	£81½	Wells Fargo	£100¾	−12½	2.9	...
260	194	Westpac	225	..	2.4	
390	300	Wharust†	210	..	6.3	14.0

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	143	Accor Hldgs	144			
619	486	Bass	528	+3	5.0	13.0
299	239	Boddington	254	+3	4.4	13.1
196	162	Burtonwd Brw	162	..	3.9	13.5
181	137	Eldridge P 'A'	137	−12	3.7	15.6
66	48¼	Fosters Brewing	52	..	6.2	13.6
493	335	Fullr Sm 'A'	340	−3	2.9	14.1
511	399	Greenalls Grp	430	+2	3.8	14.2
584	452	Greene King	496	+1	3.3	13.5
267	239	Hardy Hansn	257	..	4.6	12.5
170	135	Heavitree	155	..	3.6	11.0
3773	3125	Holt J	3380	..	1.8	18.8
248	195	Mansfield	221	−9	2.6	13.5
314	256	Marstn Thmp	286	+1	2.7	13.9
545	405	Morland	410	...	3.3	12.3
10¼	6½	Paramount†	8	..	3.9	18.9
337	209	Regent Innst	337	..	2.2	19.3
1787½	1000	SA Breweries	1743¾	..	1.6	28.0
591	477	Scot & New	511	−3	4.3	14.8
306	211	Vaux Group	217	+1	5.7	12.2
504	324½	Wetherspoon JD	463	−1	1.9	21.3
617	494	Whitbread	551	+1	4.3	15.0
589	483	Wolvrhmptn D	511	+3	3.4	13.3
208	148	Yates Bros	207	...	2.3	16.3
535	450	Young 'A'	460		4.1	19.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey	130	..	5.0	9.5
200	143	Allen	153		4.8	14.3
164	56	Amec	62		6.0	35.8
167	47	Andrews Sykes	165			
462	333	Ashstead†	430	+2	1.7	18.4
191	88	Avonside†	89	−1½	6.2	*
41	36	Bailey (Ben) Con	37	+2	2.4	22.7
88	18½	Barcom	37	+1		
232	139	Barratt Devs	178	+2	4.6	12.3
169	122	Beazer Homes†	137	−1	4.9	10.8
304	179	Bellway	197		4.4	11.7
59	27	Belwinch†	32	..	0.8	17.2
573	315	Berkeley Gp	358		2.5	11.4
215	118	Bett Bros	174		3.2	5.3
355	205	Boot (Henry)	205	−5	4.1	10.1
126	35	Brandon Hire	124		1.8	21.0
235	122	Br Bldg & Engt	123	...	8.1	17.0
197½	105	Bryant†	128		4.9	12.1
145¼	98	CALA†	111		3.4	12.7
54	29	Campbell & Arm	31			
62	44	Clarke T†	52	+¾	9.8	*
42	10	Costain	14	...		
185	85	Countryside†	96		5.5	12.1
120	71	Crest Nicholson†	77		3.2	10.8
140	80	Cussons†	86		5.5	*
30	17	Edmond Hldgs	25		0.8	*
473	223	Eve Group	223	−2	8.2	9.1
60	23	Galliford†	23		5.4	
112	85	Gibbs & Dandy†	86		3.9	...
1028	823	Gleeson (MJ)	840	−3	2.1	15.9
86	71	Green (Ernest)†	73	−¼	9.7	22.5
203	121	Havelock Euro	203	+4	1.8	18.6
169	138	Hewden-Stuart	157½		2.4	18.1
144	78	Higgs & Hill	80		3.9	
32	17	Howard Hldgs	17	..	5.9	13.0
25	6	Jarvis	9	...		
138	103	Kelter	104	...	4.5	12.1
428	185	Laing (J)	207	−1	5.6	*
164	83	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	86½		9.2	
145	115	Lon Clydeside	117		5.7	12.4
173	32	Lovell (YJ)†	40	+1	3.1	4.9
253	188	Maunders (J)†	188	+½	3.7	10.3
321	139	McAlpine (A)	139	−1	5.8	20.4
76¼	48	McCarthy & S	51			18.0
64	51	Morgan Sindall	53		0.2	...
185½	81	Mowlem (J)	83		3.1	41.6
379½	163	Persimmon†	189	+5	6.3	12.1
2400	1450	Pochins	1712½		2.0	17.1
198	105	Prowting	111		4.1	16.9
116	24	Raine Ind†	24	−1	13.0	5.0
61	45	Secure Retire	46			14.9
132	93	Redrow†	112	−2	3.0	13.7
67	50	Swift-five	52		1.8	24.5
398	233	Sherid Hldgs	365		2.0	15.2
112½	61¼	Shorco	90		6.1	12.6
245	195	Smart (J)	200		5.3	21.0
318	155¼	Spondex	298	−5	7.1	
257	151	Tay Homes	167	−5	5.0	11.5
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	123	+1	1.8	30.0
760	433	Tilbury Dougls	470		9.2	*
59½	34	Torex Hire▼	56	+2	2.9	19.6
40½	16	Try Group†	18	−¼	6.9	25.3
129	90	Vibroplant	104		4.5	18.7
170	97	Wainhomes	106		5.8	11.4
74	48	Ward Hldgs†	53		3.5	*
225½	123	Westbury	140		4.8	12.7
7¼	3½	Wiggins	4¼	+¼		
259	124	Wilson (C)	153	+2	3.8	11.1
571	308	Wilson Bowdn	330	+2	3.9	11.9
249	113	Wimpey G†	129	−1	5.3	15.9

BUILDING MATERIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	7½	Allinghton	7½		8.3	12.7
343	283	Alumasc†	335	...	2.5	16.8
85¼	43½	Amberley Gp	47	..	3.3	24.2
363	271	BPB Ind	282½	+1½	3.7	14.5
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	127	..	3.1	13.1
60	27	Bardon	28	+1	8.9	..
93	55	Blockleys	55		2.0	..
391	256	Blue Circle	289	+1	4.9	20.5
117	72	Breedon PLC	74	+1	7.8	21.2
154	128	Br Dredging	132		5.3	15.9
409	321	CRH†	358	+7½	2.8	*
70	31	Caledonia Bby	41			4.4
278	198	Capel	198		6.9	..
455	220	Caradon	262	−3	4.6	12.8
215½	114	Caradon pl	139½	−2	7.1	..
62	31	Chelian Gp†	31	..	12.1	11.5
134	89	Dyson (J&J)†	105		4.2	15.8
97	63	Dyson 'A'†	63		6.9	9.5
13¼	4½	Eclipse Blinds	13			
350	273	Ennis	295	...	3.8	*
82	57	Erith†	59	+¾	4.8	*
218	160	Graham Grp†	163	−1	4.0	*
399	312	Halstead (J)	333	+7	2.8	15.4
511	262	Hepworth	296	+4	6.5	13.3
88	46	Hewetson†	80		3.3	13.9
152¾	83¼	Hewitt (J)	74		3.0	..
473	245	Heywd Wmt	349	+¾	6.9	11.9
100	67	Ibstock	81	+¾	1.5	*
294	149	Johnston	271		2.1	32.5
170	85	Littlehall†	86		7.0	10.3
213½	120	Marley†	134	+½	4.4	11.8
155	123	Marshalls†	134	+1	4.2	11.9
569	389	Meyer Int	305	−3	4.4	11.9
196	146	Newman Tonks	167	...	5.2	*
212½	76	Norcros	79		11.1	15.0
20	9	Phoenix Timber	16			
208	143	Pilkington	168	−1	3.0	32.4
185	122	Polypipe†	139	+2	2.2	14.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	1000	+11	2.7	20.7
40	8	Ramus	8			
640	414	Redland	458	+1	6.8	21.2
115	70	Rockel	115		4.7	...
185½	102½	Rugby Group†	116	−3	3.9	14.3
103	62	Russell (A)	91	+1	3.5	*
288	222	SIG†	222		3.4	*
21	11	SWP	11		2.3	*
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	178	+2	3.6	*
81½	36	Spring Ram	39½		1.6	*
206	99	Tarmac	111½	−½	6.2	...
229	155	Titan	155		3.5	12.5
370	274	Travis Perkins	293	+3	3.9	*
28	21	Tudor	28		1.1	..
54	33	Unigroup	38			
63	33	Waterhouse	38			
129	83	Wickes	105½	−2½	2.2	18.9
487½	324	Wolseley	370	−5	3.0	13.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3¼	1½	Anglo Utd	1½	...		
110	57	App Holo	65	...		
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½			
49	30	Black Arrow	42		9.2	6.7
134	70	Br Bloodstock	73			65.5
13	5¼	Caird Gp	5¾			16.0
10½	4½	Chemex	4½		2.8	14.1
157	109	Cassell	138		7.2	9.3
237	188	Filofax†	218		1.2	18.7
50	28	Headway	29	..	3.0	22.6
292	234	Hazlelock	257		3.6	12.7
248	136	Leigh	136	−1	7.2	12.6
274	214	Nobo Grp†	222		3.6	14.4
310	207	Photo-Me†	223		2.7	21.6
60	38	Pearl & Gen	38		3.8	*
51½	5½	Rodime	8		...	
120	73	Stanks & McEwan	89	+1	2.9	..
244	162	Sinclair (Wm)†	182	−1	5.6	12.1
700	261	Waste Mgt Intl	271	−1	..	

CHEMICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	109	Allied Colloids	121	...	2.5	17.1
790	705	Amber Ind	783	...	3.4	15.5
£141½	£106½	BASF DM	£126¾	+34½	3.5	
767	637	BOC	700		4.4	16.7
365¼	236	BTP	357		5.3	14.5
£160¼	£129¼	Bayer DM50	£151½	−75	3.8	..
171	97	Blagden	109	+3	1.7	51.0
131	98	Brent Chemsct	107½	−½	4.9	*
309	210	Br Vita†	249	..	3.9	16.6
46	18	Cambridge Iso	40	...		
214	153	Camrag (W)	211		4.5	...
580	401	Courtaulds	454	+3	4.1	31.0
389	324	Croda	362	...	3.0	15.5
166	95	Doeflex	166		4.1	*
82	37½	Euro Colour▲	78	−1	2.7	22.6
149	110	Galen©	117		5.9	10.8
223	108	Hickson	135	+1	7.4	12.1
£152¾	£109¾	Hoechst	£129½	−165¾	4.0	..
250	153½	Holliday Chem†	191		3.3	..
880	660	ICI†	731	+9	4.7	33.7
191½	97½	Kalon	#139		4.1	*
843	620	Laporte†	693	−1	4.0	15.0
95	48	MTM†	80		2.3	*
405	290	Manders	312		4.5	*
127	103	McLeod Russel	123	+5	6.3	13.4
128	30	Metrotect	41		10.5	3.5
679½	358½	Montedison	404¾	+3¼	4.5	20.8
349	265	Porvair†	302		2.0	20.8
272	186	Scapa	205	+1	3.8	16.6
86	16	Sutcliffe Speakm	18		4.9	10.7
852½	658	Takeda Chem	729½	+7¾	1.3	8.8
490	325	Wardle Storeys	345		6.2	19.2
220	186	Wellington Hdg†	190	+2	3.8	*
823	570	Wolstenholme R	755		3.5	..
483	334	Yorks Chem†	343	+2	3.1	15.3
338	226	Yule Catto	236	−1	3.5	17.9

DISTRIBUTORS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	91	ABI Leis	91	−2	5.6	10.5
317	248	Acal	292	−1	3.0	15.8
595	253	Adams & Harvey	545	..	3.8	6.8
31	16	Alexanders†	16½	..	7.6	7.9
175	88	Appleyard†	98	+1	7.4	..
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	3¾	..	1.7	26.8
578	495	BSS Group	535		4.3	18.9
25½	17	Bearing Power	21		6.0	10.8
40	26	Bogod 'A'	26		3.4	11.0
370	288	Bramner	362	+3	4.6	19.6
31	11	Bridgend Gp	11	−1	2.3	57.2
99	78	Brit Fittings	82		3.1	
71	35	Brown & Tawse	38			
57	34	Burndene	34	..	7.1	*
485	233	Caffyns	233	−2	6.2	38.3
59	12	Cashet Plc	15½	...	8.9	8.6
130	66	Central Mtr†	70		4.9	46.6
51	32½	Cook (DC)	36		4.0	11.0
342¾	197½	Cowie†	251	...	4.5	10.8
192¾	125	Dag Motors	126	...	6.4	14.5
663	446	Dennons Bt	583		1.5	14.4
628	408	Diploma	420	+5	4.0	14.7
589	443	Electrocomponts	513	+9	2.5	21.0
175	133	Electron House†	155	...	2.8	13.0
283	225	Ellis & Everard	238		4.1	15.8
234	193	Eurodollar	198	+1	5.4	15.5
173	87	European Mtr	98		5.8	10.6
539¼	366	Evans Halshaw	376		5.1	*
656	490½	Farnell Elect	549	+4	1.6	22.5
78	50	File Indmart	50	−¼	7.5	*
34	15	Gardiner†	20	...	5.0	9.2
46	18	Glencherngn	16	...		17.7
90	80	Gowrings	71	...	3.5	21.5
76	59	Hatton Hldgs†	71	...	1.8	13.5
172	122	Harris (Phillp)	167	..	5.1	14.6
342¾	258	Henlys†	281½	+½	3.8	13.1
191	81	Holders Tech	86	+3	9.1	*
138	95	ISA Intl	95	−1	2.5	*
609	274	Inchcape	279	−22	7.0	10.4
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	38			13.4
184	142	Kwik-Fit	143	+1¾	3.8	*
573	277	Lex Service†	327	+4	5.4	17.4
282	162	Lookers†	165		5.7	9.1
20	14	Malaya Grp	14		2.2	
6	3½	Middlesex ©	6¼	+¼		
440	270	Norbain	300		0.7	17.4
100	47	Normanber	83		2.0	35.3
175	152	PCT	152		0.1	14.7
310	225	Pendragon†	227	+¾	4.5	*
238	123	Perry Gp	139		7.0	*
218	126	Quicks Group	133	−1	4.9	14.0
166	97	REA	161		4.7	33.3
5¼	2¾	Reece				
24	2½	Ross Gp	6	+1½	4.2	..
52	32½	SEP Ind†	47	+½	2.8	15.7
44	31	TLS Range	42		3.0	16.9
285	215	Time Products	227		4.8	15.3
221	151	Vardy (Reg)†	178		3.7	13.3
335	240	Wholesale Fitgs	243		6.0	21.7
30½	12½	Wills Gp†	13½	+½	4.6	7.6
74½	39½	Wickshaw	70	−½	1.2	23.6
66	37¼	Wyko▼	66		1.9	23.8
96	61	Young (H)	73		6.2	13.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	152	+1	6.2	15.5
380	199½	Antofagasta	263	+3	1.9	22.3
62	42½	Armour†	42½	...	5.4	8.9
997	773½	Broken Hill	828		2.4	18.2
401	273	BTR†	328½	+2½	5.6	15.2
570	372	BAT†	442	−1	6.3	11.8
270½	120¼	Benckiser Int	232	−1	0.3	61.4
91	49	Bibby (J)	82		4.6	15.2
57½	40½	Boxley Inv	42½	+1	9.7	2.5
836	636½	Charter†	784	−4½	3.8	16.4
279¼	185	Cookson▼	204	+2	4.3	20.5
302	217½	Hanson†	237½	−¼	6.3	14.8
220	136	Harrison Crsfd	154	+1	7.3	17.5
365¼	200¼	Hutch Whamp	278½	+12½	2.7	..
710	409½	Jardine Math	559	+16	2.8	12.9
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	28		4.5	27.8
175½	124½	Lonrho†	148½	+2	3.8	27.2
44	16	Porter Chadburn	43	+1	..	
685½	447	Powell Duffryn	472	+2	6.6	13.3
164	118½	Ropner	127		8.4	..
489	337	Rothmans	480	−3	5.0	23.3
34¾	9¼	Saltire	14			5.4
163½	105	Sime Darby	145	+1	3.0	18.7
287	164	Steveley	171		6.2	52.7
220	148	Suter†	155½		7.6	*
268	230	TT Group	244		2.8	14.9
283	202	Tomkins†	239	+1	4.0	15.3
124	56	Trafalgar H	59		2.1	..
440	245	Unitas	256		6.0	..
324	241	Wassall†	248	+5	2.1	*
13½	9½	Welbey	9½		2.6	14.8
414¼	309	Williams Hldg	337	+1	5.1	16.0

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894½	554	East Midlands	609	−8	5.7	25.6
686	535	Eastern Grp	577	−3	5.3	12.6
785	534	London Elect	608	−8	5.1	9.3
886	621	Manweb	653	+3	5.2	7.8
845½	547	Midlands Elec	601	−4	5.2	9.2
520	404½	National Power	427½	−2½	4.5	11.7
1138	589	Northern Elec	728	−7	5.7	7.5
421	313	Nthn Ireland†	325		4.6	8.9
667	587	Norweb	624	−7	4.9	7.5
602	449	PowerGen	470		4.0	10.1
477	303	Hydro-Elect	307	+2	5.3	9.7
486	309½	Scottish Power	324	+4	4.9	10.2
490	299	Seeboard	356	−2	4.4	9.7
912	591	Sth Wales	639		5.7	8.7
889	551	Sth Western	634	−3	5.0	8.4
837	540	Southern Elec	614	−1	4.9	8.9
909	599	Yorkshire Elec	623	−7	5.6	10.7

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
108	62½	Acorn Comp▲	86	...		
650	478	Admiral†	626	..	1.6	*
409	163	Allen†	205	...	3.1	16.0
250	126½	Amstrad†	171	+1	1.8	...
39	24	Arlen	31	−1	...	
94½	77	Astec	81½	+½	1.4	16.7
281	118	Azlan	118		3.2	9.5
478	287	BICC	340	+2	4.7	17.0
283	234	Bowles Hunter	234		5.3	12.6
16	5¼	Berkeley Bus	6½			
535	402	Blick†	463		3.1	15.6
380	280	Bowthorpe	301	+1	2.9	17.3
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½		1.7	10.8
283	185	CML Micro	185		4.1	11.8
67	32	Channel Hldgs	32		4.9	9.1
35½	19½	Cotonde	19½	+¼	0.6	55.3
69	60	Clayhithe	61		5.5	*
180	81	Copymore	140		3.8	*
202	139	Cray Elect†	153		3.0	17.8
478	412	Critchley	468		2.3	19.7
413	269	Danka Bs Sys	413	+7	0.5	30.3
586	427	Delta†	473	+8	4.1	17.1
565	400	Domino†	523	+3	2.3	15.9
78	63	Dowding Mills	66		5.0	21.1
1635	1230	Druck	1490		0.8	25.3
3756¼	2300	Electrolux 'B'	2881¼	−71½	3.7	*
38½	21	Emess†	30½		0.4	*
4040¾	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3871¼	+56¼	1.2	*
86	58	Eurocopy†	64		3.9	12.8
451	343	Eurotherm†	416		1.7	21.5
410	334½	Fairey Group	407		3.2	*
283	180	Forward Gp	273		2.5	16.9
66	14½	Forward Tech	66	+5	3.9	*
353½	259	GEC†	294½	−1½	4.7	14.5
191	102	Gestetner	111		2.9	*
191	119	Graseby	138		6.2	*
193	117	Ind Control†	120		5.2	10.7
385	254	Kenwood App	281½	+2½	4.1	13.9
1325	730	Kesthan (AI)†	1300		3.2	9.8
165	36	Kode	64	+3		
35	31	LPA Ind	31		6.5	22.0
320	250	MTL Inst†	305		1.9	*
281	210	Memec-Srt	264		2.1	18.5
45	31	Microvitec	33	+½	1.5	*
494	185	Misel	305	+16		
91	60	Pacer Systems	68		6.0	*
98	73	Peek	84		5.2	*
2175	1400	Philips Lmp sw	2050	+50	2.4	*
350	283	Pilco†	293		2.0	18.7
344	273	Pilco 'A' Vtg†	273		2.1	17.4
140	70	Plasmec	133	−4	3.8	13.6
129	90	Pressac	108	+4	3.3	20.8
43¼	17¼	Prestwick	24			
303	181	Psion†	268	+½	1.6	*
281	187	Racal Elect	241	−1	2.3	19.8
53	33	Radamec	51	+3	4.7	14.0
311	202½	Roxboro†	227	+2	2.6	*
89	17	Scantronic	11			
49	34	Silverthorne	41		2.5	24.3
94	53	Soundtracks†	57		5.5	13.0
104	38	Stan Bus	69		6.7	4.5
19	9	TDS Circuits	9½			
3225	2265¼	TDK	2700	−9¾	1.1	*
447	174½	Tadpole Tech	229	+5		
170	57	Telemetrix†	59	+1	2.5	..
101	51	TGI	89		3.4	15.5
421	191	Telspec	417	−3	1.1	*
247	133	Thorpe FW	247	+11	1.6	18.1
150	117	TLG	144		3.0	20.7
43	22	Total Systems	30			31.2
303	215	Tunstall	238		3.0	16.0
391	256	Unitech†	374	+2	2.3	18.8
15¼	8	Verity	8½			22.8
483	368	Volex	368	−1	6.2	15.4
200	60	Walsbourne	63	+1		
168	93	Whitecroft	184		2.7	16.0

ENGINEERING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
190	119	AIM†	185	...	3.0	..
138	47½	APV	68	+½	5.8	*
216	149½	ASW†	189	+5	4.0	..
126	20½	Aero Hamble	33		14.2	3.3
21½	14	Aerospace Engt	16		5.9	
73	27½	Alvis†	72	−1	1.7	
175	133	Ash & Lacy	133		6.0	13.7
553	490	Atlas Equip	553		5.0	18.4
133	86	Ayrshire Metal	133	+8	1.4	16.3
40¾	22½	Babcock	24	+½	..	
176	122	BWI	123		6.8	18.9
88	64	Baynes (Charles)†	82½	+¼	3.0	17.8
92¼	22½	Beauford▲	30		1.1	9.4
226	110	Billam (J)†	115	−2	5.8	*
329	262	Bodycote	316		2.1	21.6
81	43	Booth Inds	73	...		
20	13½	Brasway	14½		4.6	13.7
171	120	Bridon	141		3.6	13.8
578¼	386½	Br Aerospace†	495	+1	2.5	20.4
172¼	121½	Br Steel	155	+1	2.8	18.7
125	84½	Bromsgrove Ind†	84½	−½	6.7	14.2
18½	9½	Brooke Tool†	12		1.0	27.8
51	24½	Brunel	43½			
186	135	Bullough†	159		4.8	16.4
81	55	Burnfield†	81	+2	4.2	14.7
22	14	CI Group	14		2.7	..
293	236	Carclo Eng	243		5.3	14.8
159	110	Castings	155		2.3	19.0
230	150	Chamberlin Hill	158		5.8	9.5
380	272	Chemring	333		3.7	15.6
295½	149	Clyde Blowers	156		3.8	..
337	235	Cobham	310		3.1	15.3
688	403	Cohen (A)	508		0.8	..
353	166	Concentric	180	+1	4.3	14.2
310	210	Cook (Wm)	210		4.5	9.9
286	193	David Brown	196	+1	4.2	13.8
97	68	Dobson Park	81		5.8	15.0
442	330	ES	333		4.7	13.4
101	89	Elliott (B)	95		2.6	14.2
118	60	Expamet†	86½	−¼	4.3	..
212	135	FKI	155		3.4	17.9
148	109	Fenner	128		1.5	59.6
45	16	Ferrum	16			
88	73	GEI Intl	87		3.6	15.9
134	91	Garton Eng	131		6.4	..
404	292	Glynwed	308	−3	5.1	14.7
14½	10	Graystone	12½	+¼	3.2	9.7
85	99½	Hadan MacLn	62		4.3	*
158	80	Hadleigh	152		2.1	17.3
320	135	Hall Engt	158	+6	6.3	*
256	178	Halma	189½	+¼	1.7	20.5
73	47	Hampson Ind	47		5.5	8.8
48	20	Hay (Norman)	20	...		
184½	122	Hill & Smith†	126		6.2	17.2
63	35	Hopkinsons	57		2.9	
41	27	How Gp	28		3.3	..
103	74	Howden	81½		3.9	13.2
265	157	Hunting	170		7.4	24.3
379	286	IMI†	302	+2	4.3	18.1
51	33½	Johnson & FB	42½	...		
628	486	Johnson Matth	520		2.9	19.4
32	25	Jones Stroud	29			
335	230	Kelsey Ind	312	+2	5.2	14.6
288	205	Lincat	288		3.2	15.6
20½	11	Locker (T) A	15	+1	3.3	..
41	29	ML Hldgs†	31		3.4	10.8
67	21	MS Int	21		8.9	12.7
179	129	Marg Bronze	160		3.6	13.4
539	378	McKechnie	425	+9	4.3	25.0
120	61	Meggitt	80		6.1	12.9
120	101	Metalrax	106		4.9	*
133	99	Metsec	131		2.9	18.2
580	487	Molins†	518	−¼	4.1	*
408	293	Morgan Cble	317	+1	5.0	15.4
225	176	Morris Ashby†	217	−2	3.6	15.7
51	32	Neepsend	32		4.9	16.1
128	48	Neotronics	66		3.2	18.3
60	40	Newmark (L)	40			
59¼	15	Oliti Intl	15		14.8	66.0
358	277	Oxford Ins	318		2.0	18.7
341	218	Powerscreen	247		3.8	10.4
23¼	12¼	Prospect Indst	12½	−¼	8.5	6.4
108	60	Radiant Metal	73			
71	13	Ransomes	48	−1		
95	70	Record	82		5.7	*
291	243½	Renishaw†	290		2.8	23.0
192	128	Renold	191		2.0	26.5
73	49	Richard (Leics)	49	−1	5.7	36.1
104¼	67	Richardson West	67		6.5	*
204	148	Rolls-Royce▼	164		3.8	24.8
195	156	Rotork	164	+1½	3.4	16.7
190	134	Rubicon†	155		3.9	25.3
150½	67	Senior Eng	73½		5.8	12.0
270	245	Servomex	267		3.1	28.5
630	498	Siebe†	563		2.5	18.1
130½	74	Simon Eng	80			
82	35	Six Hundred	81		2.3	28.0
1459¾	1031¼	SKF 'B'	1093¾	+9¾	3.3	*
527¼	411	Smiths Ind	482	+3	3.4	18.5
478	337	Spirax-Sarco	477		3.1	16.8
287	197	Sterling Ind	241	+3	3.6	15.6
455	328	TI†	366	+4	4.1	16.9
121	92	Tinsley (E)	97		7.2	13.2
105	45	Transtec Tech	52		7.9	7.4
163	125	Triplex Lloyd	128		6.8	..
18½	12	Utd Inds	14		0.9	..
1548	980	VSEL	1538	+2	2.9	14.4
31½	11¼	Verson	12			
204	162	Vickers†	181	+2	3.3	17.5
327	230	Victaulic	250		4.4	*
19	8½	Villiers Grp	9½			
539	451	Vicken	538		2.1	*
805	661	Vosper Thorny	740	−2	3.2	16.0
527	444	Wagon Ind	453		5.0	23.1
354¼	222	Weir	234	+1	3.8	17.6
46¼	36	Wellman	40		3.1	65.3
548	365	Whatman	451		3.2	*
364	90	Whessoe	122		2.4	...

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	31	AAF Inds	36			
160	108	Airflow Stream	157		3.2	15.4
639	440	Avon Rubber	444		4.6	16.0
236	173	BBA†	194	+1½	3.1	..
86½	49½	BSG†	64½	+2¾	8.2	*
18½	8½	Benson Group†	8½		5.1	11.7
308	180	Bostrom	299		2.5	17.1
28½	17	Boustead†	18		6.9	*
22	10	Caverdale	11¼		1.6	11.9
357	275	ERF	354		1.4	..
400	296	First Tech	394		1.7	22.7
660	510½	GKN†	614	+4½	4.4	18.7
4387½	2337½	General Mtr	2875	+75	1.9	..
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1020½	+51¼	0.5	..
432¼	304	Laird	323		4.2	15.6
370	233	Loades	370	+10	..	
239	158	Lucas	194	−2	4.6	..
64	50	Mayflower	61	−½	2.9	24.8
124	61	Midstates	70			
178	149	Syltone	167		3.8	18.5
261	140	T & N	158	−1	4.8	*
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	329	−1	2.5	23.8

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
611	499	AB Food	603	+4	3.3	12.5
368	223	Acatos & Hutch†	243		4.6	9.2
74	40	Albert Fisher	42		11.0	12.4
270	200	Banks (S C)†	200		6.1	8.3
387	305	Barr (AG)†	345	+7	2.8	14.3
72	15	Bessons Crp	19			
481	374	Booker	397	+3	6.9	14.6
56½	31	Borthwick	35		4.6	16.6
212	155	CPL Aromas	193		1.9	18.4
524	370	Cadbury-Schw	455	+2½	4.4	14.1
267	143	Carrs Milling	245		3.2	11.1
171	130	Cranswick	170	+1	6.1	12.4
154	90	Dalepak†	116		2.2	*
520	372½	Dalgety	432	−2	6.5	11.5
87	39	Daniels S	39		0.3	*
294	208	Devro	250	−3½	3.8	..
101	52	Everest†	80		4.2	19.8
8½	4½	Fairfaglord	4½	−½		
85	60	Finlay (James)	65		8.0	8.8
20½	10	Global	12		5.6	..
77	38	Grand Central	46	−1		
435	325	Greencore	420		3.1	11.0
194	92	Hazlewood Fds	95	−2	8.8	5.9
196½	151	Hillsdown	183	+2	6.5	11.9
28	16	Hobson	27	+¾		
111	66	JLI Group	66		9.3	9.2
408	313	Linton Park	335		6.5	9.6
127	85	Matthews (B)	112	−1	3.6	*
181	153	Mtn ED & F	157	+1	6.8	8.6
246	205	Nichols (JN)†	218	+1	3.5	*
271½	191	Nthn Foods	192	−2	5.7	9.9
14	8½	Northumbrn Fn	10			19.4
81	60	Perkins Food†	62		9.0	*
144	111	SeaPerfect	115			
98	73	Senty Farm	98		2.8	9.9
122	62	Sims Food	73		12.8	*
467½	382	Tate & Lyle	441	+1	4.1	9.1
253	145	Treat†	253	+4	2.3	17.8
434½	317	Unigate	378	+1	5.8	10.3
1247	958	Unilever†	1206	+12½	2.8	..
8131¼	6496¼	Unilever (NV)	8053¾	+46¾	3.0	*
388	293½	Utd Biscuits†	332	+¾	5.8	14.3
49	33	West Trust†	35		8.9	24.5
133	81	Yorkshire Food†	81		5.4	17.9

HEALTHCARE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	280	AAH	434	+3	5.2	15.2
1141	770	Amersham	855	−2	2.3	17.9
81	43	Anagen	45			
297¼	184	Assoc Nursg	184	−1	1.5	10.8
393	243	Bespak	305		4.2	15.6
100	50	Care UK	62			
115	80	Celsis	82	+2		
47	31	Cortecs	37			
297	198	Community Ht	207		4.8	12.0
44	28	CrestaCare†	30½		3.2	*
146	79	Enviromed	83		2.4	10.6
110	60	Ferraris Group	71	+2	4.0	9.8
171	134	Goldsborough	142		2.9	12.7
15½	9½	Greenacre	9½		4.5	12.6
513	402	Huntigh Tec	505		1.3	23.5
165	39	Mercare Gp†	52		8.4	9.4
325	252	Isotron†	252	+¾	2.5	15.6
171	107	Life Sciences†	138	+2	4.0	*
152¼	74	Lon Intl	99			
80	41	Nestor-BNA	48	+6	8.8	*
3	¾	Premier Health	1			
330	227	Quality Care	230		2.4	11.4
210	118	Scholl	140		5.7	13.4
384	275¼	Seton Health	359		2.4	18.3
83	39	Shield Diag	40			
169½	136½	Smith & Neph	167½	+1	4.0	*
21	6	Spectraleyes	10	−1		
292	185	Takare†	214	+8	1.3	*
313	234	UniChem†	253	+3¾	3.8	13.1
400	283	West Hlthcare†	309		2.0	16.2

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	189	Airsprung	190		3.2	12.3
193	115	BLP Group	125		1.0	34.3
39	26	Biston Blisss	31			
167	62	Creati Pk 'A'†	69		7.8	..
285	153	Creighton Nt	153	−7	6.3	10.8
165	133	Denby Group	145		2.7	15.8
188	113	Gaskell	132		4.1	*
14	3½	Lionheart	4		6.2	...
231	160	Maybom	190		4.3	*
335	243	Ontame Ind	245		5.4	11.1
430	230	Osborne & Little	388		2.4	11.8
625	403	Paterson Zoch†	412	+4½	4.2	12.6
595	365	Paterson Zch 'A'†	375	+4½	4.7	11.5
714½	528	Reckitt Colm†	635	+6½	3.7	56.0
291	211	Relyon†	277		3.2	..
378	148	Silentnight	154		6.5	9.7
46	27½	Stoddard	28½		7.0	10.7
330	175	Tomkinsons	175	−7	8.2	*
160	125	Victoria Carpet	125		4.5	7.1
110½	94½	Walker Greenbk	107		4.2	19.7
63	44	Wiiford Wood	53		1.9	*
155	155	Wood (Arthur)†	155	+4½	3.4	..

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493¼	937½	Alex & Alex†	1406¼	+31¼	4.7	..
2043¾	1587¾	Am Gen	2025	+68¾	3.8	..
112	77	Angerstein	80	+1	3.1	65.9
86	47	Archer	61		3.0	..
165	83	Bradstock†	83	−3	8.6	8.4
550	370	Britannic	502	−3	3.6	..
117	84	CLM Escr	87½	+½	2.9	..
701¼	473	Com Union†	557	+9	6.0	10.8
108	82	Delian	89¾		2.2	..
1950	1325	Dom & Genl	1410	+25	2.6	15.1
221½	145	FAI E	163½	+¼	4.2	7.6
194	140	Fenchurch Grp	141	−2	7.1	9.4
114	86	Footsury Under	87		2.8	56.1
757	491	Gen Accident	591	+3	6.3	8.4
247	160½	GRE†	188	−1	5.5	..
105	80	HCG Lloyds	85	+1	1.9	71.6
457	211	Heath C E	231	+1	8.7	..
245½	210	Hibernian IE	210¼	+¼	4.8	..
114	86	Hiscox Select	93		3.3	36.6
323	238½	Independent	271	−1	4.5	..
241	178	Irish Life	184		6.4	17.2
203	118	JIB Group†	120	+1	7.8	*
103	100	Kiln Capital	101		3.0	..
547	407	Legal & Genl	469½	+1¼	5.8	20.7
1571¼	965½	Liberty Life	1550	−3¼	8.2	*
119	91	London Inc Mkt	94½		2.6	32.9
310	145	Lloyd Thomp	151		6.5	10.0
471	313	Lloyds Abbey†	370	+5	6.6	12.4
233	159	Lombard Ins	233		4.1	22.3
443	282	Londn & Man	332	−3	6.1	16.5
119	91	London Ins Mkt	94½		2.6	32.9
238	144	Lowndes Lmb	146	+¾	6.6	9.0
5893¼	4531¼	Marsh McLn	5187½	+50	3.5	..
110	79	Masthead	88	+1	...	
188	147	Nelson Hurst	168		5.0	..
106	65	New London Cap	71	+2	1.8	..
51	34	Ockham	35		10.7	..
129¼	92	Orion	92	−5	6.8	..
99	66	Premium Trust	69		5.7	26.2
124	91	Premium Under	92			
385	271	Prudential†	318½	+2	5.7	14.9
83	13	PWS†	21	+1	3.6	*
404	239	Refuge†	320	−1	4.8	*
350	232½	Royal†	293	+1	5.1	5.6
222	139	Sedgwick†	153	+1	5.3	15.8
155	104	Steel Burrill	113		10.5	8.4
418	281	Sun Alliance†	332	+1	5.9	11.2
107	72	Syndicate Capt	73		2.1	58.2
96	51	Trade Indemnity	72		1.8	*
464	392	TransAtlantic†	338	+6	4.9	*
673	432	Utd Friendly	575	−3	3.7	29.5
245	129	Willis Corroon†	141		5.9	*
28	19	Windsor	21		3.0	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	280	3i	360	−1	2.6	..
108½	62	Abtrust Emerg	65½	+1	0.4	..
102	73	Abtrust High Inc	76		9.2	..
290	182	Abtrust N Dawn	200½	+3½	0.6	..
2058	1678	Alliance†	1780	+1	3.5	*
293	239	American Trust	262½	+2½	2.7	*
479	391	Anglo & O'seas†	403	−2	2.3	*
196	118	Baillie Gifford SN	122	−2		
219	172	Bankers	180	...	2.8	
75¼	32	Baring Em Eu	34¼	..	0.4	
381	300	Baring Tribnet	311½	+1	2.7	
248	198	Berry Starq	216	...	1.3	
91½	84½	Br Assets†	87¼	+¼	6.2	...
98	83	Br Empire Sec	88¼	+¼	1.4	
46	25	Br Empire Wts	27	...		
234	188	Br Inv	206		3.0	..
105¼	63¼	Brazilian	84½	+1½	0.4	
272	211	Brunner†	218	+½	3.2	
161	117	BZW Cvert	122		8.0	
384	310	Candover†	370	...	4.1	*
65	36½	Central Euro Gwth†	37		1.5	
271	144	China & Eastern	180	+2	2.7	..
223	161	Conti Asset†	163		2.3	
95	76	Dante Inv Inc	76		13.1	
328	268	Derby Cap	300			
173	147	Derby Inc	156		13.6	
100	51	Drayton Blue	56	+1	19.1	...
111	84	Dryn Eng Inc	93	+1	1.1	
156	122	Dryn Far East†	139	+2½	0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G†	641	+7	5.2	
108	75	Dunedin Japan	80¼	+2		
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	302		3.7	
80	22	Dunedin Wts	28			
837	678	Dunedin Wwde	705	+2	1.7	..
122	82½	Edin Dragon	93¼	+¼		
53½	23½	Edinburgh Inca	28½	+¾	0.2	
360	281	Edinburgh	294	−2	3.8	
179	130	EFM Japan	134	...		
354	286	Electra Inv	326	+2	2.8	
220	180	Electric Gen	188	+½	2.2	..
201	169	Eng & Caledon†	175		2.9	..
157	106	English Scott	119			
345	273	European Assets†	277	+2	3.3	
174	145	Fidelity Euro Val†	155½	+1	0.2	
103½	65	Fidelity Jap Val	69		0.2	
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	150	+1	2.7	
86	62	First Spanish	62		0.5	
343	267	Fleming Amert	288	+1¼	0.7	*
145	51½	Fleming Chinese	62½	+1	1.0	..
92	22	Fleming Ch Wts	31½	+1		
267	186	Fleming Claver	215	+3	3.3	..
385	288½	Fleming Contl	291		0.9	...
210½	125	Fleming Em Mkts	132	+½		
364	190	Fleming Entpl	205	+1	3.0	
469	278½	Fleming F East	307	+3	0.6	..
422	327	Fleming Fledgt	338		1.1	
120	89	Fleming H Inct	95		5.9	...
109	68	Fleming Indian	73½	+½	1.5	...
64	33	Fleming In Wts	42			
52½	29	Fleming Intl	30		14.9	
284	208	Fleming Japan	218½	+1½		
347	252¼	Fleming Merct	256		3.4	*
94	72½	Fleming Nat Res	77	+1		
347¼	269	Fleming Oseast	283	+1	1.9	
155½	124	Foreign & Col	133¾	+¼	1.7	
106	91	For & Col Inc Gwth†	94		2.8	...
148	93	Fgn Eng Mkts	97½	+1		
77	64½	Fgn Enterprise†	72		1.4	
261	206	Fgn Eurotst	207		0.7	
145	114	Fgn German	120	+1	0.5	
374	277	Fgn Pacific	295	+1	1.1	
144	116	Fgn PEP	122	+1	3.6	
192	153	Fgn Smaller	157½	+1½	1.6	
120	90	Fgn US Smlr	101	+1½		
28½	17½	Fulcrum Cap	17½			
54	39	Fulcrum Inct	39		27.8	
146	134½	Fulcrum Zero	144	−½		
213	188	Gartmore Brit	195		4.7	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	135	+1	0.8	
130	84	Gartmore Shrt†	86	+1	14.0	
247	201	Gartmore Smlr Cos	212	+4	3.4	
128	93	Geared Inc Inv	94		11.1	
200	136	Genl Cons Cap	148	+1		
115½	104	Genl Inct	106	+1	11.0	
108	86	German Inv	93½		0.1	
325	192	Gov Asn Sm Co's†	305	+¼	0.2	
151	88	Gov Eng Mks	92½	+1	0.3	
191	135	Govett Am Smlr	149½	+1		
96½	78	Gov Glob Smlr	76	−1		
112	70	Govett High Inct	75		9.3	
429	322	Govett Oriental	333	+3	0.4	
346	223	Govett Strategic	230	+1	3.7	
475	361	Greenfriar†	362		2.4	
19	6	Gresham House	19			
303	191	GT Japan	209		0.7	
155	113	H Govett Smlr Co	115		1.2	
138	113	Hend High	115½	−½	6.1	
293	257	Henderson Strata	260½	+1½	0.2	
105	80	Herald†	82	+½	0.8	
116	79¼	HTR Jap Smaller	80	+½	0.7	
27	12	I&S Ext	12			
119	93	I&S UK Smlr	98	+2	3.6	
129	119	Inv Cap	121½	+½	5.3	
107	82½	Inv Bidarch	82½	−1½		
50	24	Inv Wts	24	−1		
177	124	INVESCO Korea	124			
122	82	J Fry 2nd Ut	84		8.8	
100	84	J Fry Euro Ut	85	+1	7.1	
255	177	JF Fledg Jap	188	+2		
121	99	Jupiter Intl Grt	100		4.2	
243	194	Klnwt Chrtr	205	+1	3.1	
149	96½	Klnwt E Mk	101	+2		
124	105	Klnwt End	110		1.3	
88½	73	Klnwt Euro Pnt	75½			
49	22½	Klnwt Euro Wts	24½			
116	77	Klnwt H Inct	78		12.8	
272½	213	Klnwt O'seas†	225	−½	1.9	
165	111	Klnwt Smlr†	111		2.5	
201	71	Latin American	83½	+½		
826	672	Law Debenture†	739	+6½	3.5	
129	93	Lazard H Inct	107	+1	7.9	
97	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	80	+½		
35	26	Lloyds Sm Dirt	36		17.5	
129	102	Lloyds Sm Pwt	107		4.3	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	169	+1	4.6	
108	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	83½	+1½	4.7	
334	265	Lowland	290		4.0	
1440¼	887½	Lydenburg	1125		2.0	..
620	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	545	+5		
151	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	117		25.6	
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2570			
353	243	M&G Dual Inc	250			
77	54	M&G Inc Geared†	61		10.2	
34½	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	28			
45	34	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct	34		18.4	
137	116	M&G Inc Package†	117		5.3	
59	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	56½	+¼		
36½	27	M&G Rec Cap	27½			
72½	55½	M&G Rec Geared†	56½		8.8	
37½	28	M&G Rec Inct	28½		17.0	
151	127	M&G Rec Package†	129		3.8	
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	76			
128	99	M Curne Euro	101		0.4	
180	119	M Curne Pac	130	+2	0.3	
227	182	Majedie	188		3.5	
57	44	Malvern†	45			
324	237	Merchants	254½	+2	5.7	
90	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	82½	+¼	0.9	
45	24½	Mercury Eur Wt	25½			
125	81	Mercury World	81		1.0	
52½	15½	Mercury Wld Wts	15½	−¼		
595	482	Monks Inv Tst	507	+2	1.7	
158	125	Morg Gren Inc	134	+1	4.5	
64	38	Morg Wts	47	+1		
111	48	Morg Lmtn Amer	55	+2½		
65	20	Morg Wts	28	+1		
149	104	Murray Em	115		2.3	
68	25	Murray Em Wts	26			
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	75½		...	...
42	35	Murray Em Ec Wt	27½			
68	54	Murray Eurot	55½	+¼	0.8	
23½	12½	Murray Eu Wts	12½			
393	308	Murray Income	322	+3	4.7	
395	296	Murray Intl†	324	+1	4.9	
164½	153	Murray S/C DP	163			
174	126	Murray S/C Cap	130			
97	73½	Murray S/C Inct	75	...	17.7	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Ust	2925		4.5	
548	376	Murray Smll	395	+3	1.4	
363	302½	Murray Vent	338	+1	4.3	
58	15	Newmarket	18	+1	...	...
95	53	Nthbrg Inct	53	+1	10.0	
104	61	Nthbrg Cap	74	+1		
404	316	O'seas Inv Tst	325	−1	1.3	
241	158	O'seas Wts	158			
640½	362	Pacific Assets†	445	+5	0.4	
542	268	Pacific Wts	349	+6	...	
120	76	Personal Jap	76	+1½		
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700		2.8	
153	111	Pilot Inv	111		1.7	
96	80	Piper Euro Sm	80			
93	87¼	Prolific Inct	91½	+¼	1.0	
189	164	RIT Cap Ptnr	172		1.1	
38	26½	River Merc Am Cap	28			
121	98	River Merc Am Inct	98	+½	9.9	
17	8	River Merc Am Wts	8			
150	114	River Merc Cap	116			
147	77½	River Merc Ex Inc	81		12.0	...
49	9	River Merc Ex IncWt	10	+1		
116	80	River Merc Grd Inct	81		11.6	
35	23	River Merc Grd Ptf	26			
127	106	River Merc Tst Inct	107		10.7	
170	112	River Merc Sm Co†	122	+3	4.2	
77	20	River Merc Sm Wt	28	+5		
440	394	Robeco	406		3.4	
463	398	Rolinco	412		1.8	
99	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	76½	+2		
52	25	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	34	+1		
1112¾	689	Schrod Korea Fd	689	−1½	0.2	
850¼	336¼	Sch Korea Fd Wt	336¼	−¾		
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	112½	+½		
37	26½	Sch Splt Fd Cap	27			
129	106	Sch Splt Fd Inct	106	−½	8.8	
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	93	+1	2.0	...
42	28	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	30	+1		
262½	200	Scot	216½	+¾	3.0	
183	147½	Scot American†	154½	+½	4.0	
368	216	Scot Asian	255	+3		
1070	565	Scot Wts	585	+10		
97½	74¼	Scot Eastern†	79	−½	2.5	
284½	205	Scot Mtge	217½	−½	2.4	
106½	78½	Scot Natl Tst†	79	+½	11.9	
133½	100	Scot Value	102		2.5	
1795	1475	Second Alliance†	1591	+1	3.4	
106	76	Secs Tst of Scot	81	−½	5.0	
179	125	Selective Assett	125		1.6	
161	123	SHIRESCOT†	127	−1	5.6	
51½	31½	Sphere Inv	32		15.9	
343	290	St Andrew Inv†	290		3.5	
412	310	Temple Bar†	344	+3	5.1	
135	90	Thmtn Asian E	99	+2	0.6	
44	18½	Throg Dual Co	44			
101	68	Throgmorton†	73	+½	3.9	
164½	98	Tmplto Emg Mkt	108½	+1½	0.8	
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	148	+1	4.4	
181½	148	TR Euro Growth	168½		1.3	
205	127	TR Far East†	142	−2	5.1	
124½	89	TR Pacific†	102	−2	0.2	
43½	27½	TR Property	30½		3.7	
228	171	TR Smlr Cos	179½	+½	2.6	
152	103	TR Tech Inv	102		2.1	
405	177	Turkey Trust	208	−3	1.2	
269	217	USDC Invest†	221		2.5	
103	93	Undervalued Ast	96½	+½		
129	108	Value Inc Tst	116½	+2	4.5	
43	30½	Warrants & Val	30½			
109	60	Wigmore	60		1.0	
257¼	205	Witan	223	−1½	3.4	
113	87	Yeoman Inct	87		19.7	

LEISURE & HOTELS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abdn Sth H	28			
578¼	409	Airtours	417	+2	3.6	9.1
48½	17	Ald Leis	22			
177	135	Alpha Airpts	141		3.6	
48	36	Arcadian	41		2.5	
138	85	Baldwin†	118		4.2	8.9
315	219	Barr & Wall	224	+2	6.4	*
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	232		4.4	6.7
365	231	Boosey Hwks	335		1.9	19.6
7¼	2½	Brent Walker	2½			
200	100	Bristol Scots	165		2.3	..
7¼	¾	Buckingham Intl	¾			
256	114	Chrysalis	253			
94	71	City Centre Rest	73		3.0	14.8
374	305	Compass Gp	319	−1	2.6	16.6
290	232	Eurocamp†	264		5.0	11.8
213	78	Euro Disney	152	−2		
4	2	Euro Leisure	2¼			11.8
456	308	Fairline Boats†	369	+1	5.3	17.0
131	81	First Choice†	107		4.5	28.0
350	245	First Leisure†	275		3.2	17.5
285	209½	Forte	237½	+1½	3.9	28.1
207	158	Friendly Hotels	158		4.5	36.5
79	49	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
598	475	Granada†	542	+6	2.3	16.1
118	95	Groupe Chez Gert	117	−½	0.8	16.2
96	21	Hi-Tec Sports	22		9.1	
216	96	Hornby	116	−1	5.6	
187½	142½	Jarvis Hotel	178½	−1½	3.8	16.1
18¼	11¼	Kunick	17¼	+¼	3.5	20.4
289	200	London Clubs	276	+1	5.4	14.0
217½	145	Ladbroke†	165½	+1	4.5	
104	47	Magnolia	48		0.3	
140½	107½	Man Utd	125		4.2	20
109¼	64¼	Mandarin Orntl	83½	+1	3.9	21.6
15	10½	My Kinda Town†	10½		1.2	..
81	34	Northern	74	−1	5.2	12.0
102	65½	Pelican Gp	75		2.1	15.6
141	109	PizzaExpress†	135		1.9	16.7
183	90	Prism Leisure	90		5.8	6.4
43	21	Quadrant Grp	29			
278	205	Ramsdens (H)†	219		2.6	35.5
447¼	355½	Rank Orgt	407	+4	4.1	20.0
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels IE	27		4.8	15.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	923		0.5	
92	68½	Stakis†	84		2.3	19.7
386	296¼	Stanley Leisure	378	+2	1.8	20.7
346	280	Tanyard	346		0.6	19.4
1165	959	Thorn EMI	1073	+8	4.0	19.5
169	75	Tottenham Hot	164		0.8	17.0
176	129	VCI	171	...	3.1	
149	112	Vardon†	141		1.3	*
18	5	Wembley	#5			
149	100½	Zetters Gp	100½	−4½	11.8	7.8

MEDIA

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	339		2.8	
355	198	Adscene†	298		2.9	18.6
33	17½	Aegis Gp	23½	+¼	..	
11¼	2½	Allied Radio	2½			
26	13	BBB Design	13			35.9
235	155	Barbour Index†	187	..	5.8	16.7
13½	5	Boxtale	5			
345	320	Black (A&C)	320	..	5.3	11.6
402	174	Blenheim Gp	198	..	6.8	10.9
206	133	Border TV	199		2.7	17.4
413	350	Bristol	350		4.5	35.6
379	244	B Sky B	263	−1		49.5
169	117½	CIA Gp†	134	−1	1.8	
26½	22½	Caledonian Med	23½	...		
439	335	Capital Radio	355		2.6	22.1
1047	797	Carlton Comms†	901	+5	2.9	16.6
99	76	City of Lon	86		6.4	13.1
178	83	Cordiant	92	+1		15.6
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1390¼		1.5	23.6
1464¾	868¼	Daily Mail 'A'	1084¾	+6¼	1.9	18.4
332	260	Dorling Kind	332	+7	1.3	31.3
469	355	EMAP	414	+2	2.7	22.9
682½	538	Elsevier	650½	+4½		
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1545		3.4	22.3
17½	8	Fitch	10½		...	
485	309	Flextech	356	+6		
1033	675	GWR Gp†	875		1.9	21.7
275	143	Gold Greenlees†	168		3.0	20.3
34	18	Goodhead	20		0.3	..
356	228	Grampian	263		3.8	14.1
172	106	HTV Group†	164	+1	1.7	
194	21	Harrington K	24	−1	5.2	
515	288	Haynes Publ	289		3.9	16.0
408	298	Hodder H'line	317	−2	2.1	51.6
180	120	Home Counts	150		4.2	38.8
340	248	Incepresent	248		4.3	
232	161	Intl Bus Comm	226		1.9	11.4
162	119	Interurope	135		7.2	34.2
167¼	137½	Johnston Press	143	+2	1.7	20.0
33½	15	Lopex	15		2.1	17.0
110	43	LWD	81			
565	338	Metal Bulletin	537		2.8	24.5
177½	108	Midland Ind	125		3.4	
303	120	Mirror Gp	134	−1	0.9	7.1
431	344	More O'Ferrall†	348	+1	4.7	
343	231	News Corp	292	+3	0.5	19.5
314	201	News Intl	298	−1	1.0	5.8
60	33½	Osprey Comms	39	−1		
735	539	Pearson	569	−15	3.3	16.4
440	175	Phonelink	255	−8		
760	600	Portsmth Sund	601		2.3	12.4
339	210	Quarto†	211		3.7	
964	712	Reed Intl	775	−3	3.5	
539¼	404	Reuters†	480	−4	2.1	33.0
256	158	Scot Radio	228	−1	3.0	18.1
574	355	Scot TV	411	+2	4.4	
40½	20½	SelecTV	27½			
57	20½	Shandwick†	35		4.6	8.1
252	187	Southnews	237	+1	1.8	23.8
200	28	Sterling Publ	28		16.3	2.6
153	117	Sunset & Vine	125		4.0	10.9
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	37½	+2	2.2	
622	310	Telegraph†	426	+2	3.8	18.1
885	695	Thomson Corp	795	−10	5.0	39.3
472	337	Trinity Intl	346	−5	4.0	
760	518	Ulster TV	646	+11	3.9	
731	464	Utd Newspaprs	513		5.8	12.6
161	91	VTR	95		5.3	10.2
38½	8½	WMGO	9		14.7	4.2
139	63½	WPP	105	+1	1.4	13.2
426	150	Yorkshire TV	393	+12	1.2	

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Alex Corpt	95		4.0	7.4
4625	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3768¾		2.4	20.5
3796¼	2509¾	Ang Am	3396¼	−6¼	2.1	31.8
7331¼	4593¼	Ang Am Gold	5278¼	−90¾	5.0	14.2
36	22	Anglo Pac Res	23			
1512½	1196¼	Ashanti	1440¾	+37¾	1.1	17.4
166	94	Aston	100		5.0	
404	155	Balkyrchr	159			
481	294½	Beatrix	366	−¾	5.2	19.2
39	29	Bosch	29		2.9	25.0
184	83½	Blyvoors	97	−3¼		
64	27	Bougainville	31	+1		
57	12¼	Bracken	13½		6.3	..
598	353¼	Buffels	430¼	−20¼	12.3	
6	1½	Butte	1½			
982	745½	CRA	810		3.4	19.8
77	42	Central Pacific	46			
55½	36	Cluff Res	44½			
143	79½	Coal Inv	98	+6		
300	63	Cons Murchson	180		3.4	4.9
1736	1262½	De Beers	1500		3.5	
148	58	Deelkraal	65¾	−¾	5.3	5.9
48	30½	Doornfontein	43¾	−2		
1038½	665½	Driefontein	782	−40¾	5.8	10.8
941½	527¾	Durban	595	−1¼		
203¾	107	E Rand Gold	142¾	−¼	14.0	4.8
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	74½	−½		
75	45	Eastern Trans	62		3.6	15.3
513	300½	Elandsrand	305½	−¼	3.7	9.0
447¼	329	Eng China Cl†	355	−3	5.7	17.3
1259	712½	FS Cons	724½	−1½	7.8	9.2
82	27	FS Dev	38			
2081½	1193¾	GFSA	1606¼		3.1	18.0
80¼	40	GM Kalgoorli	48		2.8	18.5
239½	208½	Gencor	208¾	−¼	1.8	20.7
152	75	Gold Fields Prop▼	147			
22	12½	Greenwich R 'A'	15			
202	103½	Grootvlei	154¼	+6	5.6	8.9
95½	67	Gwalia Cons	79½	−½	1.1	10.1
625½	319½	Harmony	516½	−12½		
430	213	Hartbs	219½	−10½	11.8	7.1
1597½	1231½	Impala Plat	1334¾	+15½	1.9	40.8
22		Kinross	84	−1	14.3	7.6
1315¼	721½	Kloof	721½	−34½	9.2	7.3
1394¼	566¾	Kloof	681¼	−1½	5.2	6.4
137	69¼	Leslie	95¼	−1	10.9	5.7
366½	174¼	Lorane	174¼	−17¼		
30	12	Meekatharra	15			
		Mhangura	3			
162	83	MIM	83			2.7
1782½	1250	Minorco†	1475	−25	2.8	
324	129	Moranch	129			
202¼	89	NSM	99			9.3
201½	133	Nth Brkn Hill	142		3.5	21.9
94	45	Orya Gold	50			
101	65	Pancontinental	78	+1		
463	152	Peko Plat	158	−4	1.2	
159	122½	Placer Pac	136			
425	317	RJB†	345	+2	4.5	
905	721	RTZ†	783	+5	3.7	15.0
49	27	Rockmoo	29			
675	187½	Rand Mines	637½		1.7	58.3
840½	387½	Randfontein	387½	−24½	12.3	5.1
295	175	Renison	190	−2		
1809¾	1078¼	Rustenbg	1353¾	−46¾	2.2	32.7
112	48	St Barbara	50		2.7	13.1
756	436	St Helena	556	−1½	10.8	
260	195	Sons Gwalia	250	+5	4.5	16.9
30	16	Stern Pacific	18			
2887½	1409¾	Southvaal	1481½	−3¾	5.3	18.7
143	73	Stilfontein	103½	−¼	22.7	3.1
261¼	90	Unisel	149¼	−¾	6.6	6.9
7600	3862½	Vaal Reefs	4228¼	−40¾	5.1	7.0
23	7½	Wankie Col Z	8		15.5	1.9
1½		Water Hall	1½			
545	450	Watts Blake	474		3.3	17.9
3575	1831¼	Western Deep	1846½	−65¾	4.7	6.6
398	300½	Western Mng	313		1.7	33.8
1225	562½	Winkels	618¼	+19¼	7.9	8.5
66	34	Zambia Copper	39			
68	43	Zandpan	43		10.1	9.9

OIL & GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
46½	24½	Aran Energy	45½			
53	26	Arcon Intl	28			
74¼	41	Aus Oil & Gas	45½	+¼		
68	43	Awa Pal	55			
272	197	Br Borneo	269		3.5	
358	253	British Gas	291½	−1½	6.4	17.1
437½	340	Br Petroleum†	426	+1½	3.1	15.1
4	1½	Bula Resources	2¼	+¼		
919	783	Burmah Castrl	866	−5	4.0	17.2
88	56	Cairn Energy	77			
375	252	Calor Gp	261		6.0	12.6
51	33	Clyde Pet†	42½	+1½	2.9	
30	6	Copley Res	6			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	20			
486	370	Enterprise†	395	+3	5.1	36.6
303	240	Flogas	240		6.7	9.9
8¼	4¼	Fortune	5½			35.1
77	54	Goal Pet	64		2.8	21.3
47	28	Gt Western Res	29			
177	129	Hardy O & G	164		0.8	21.0
55	40	Kelt Energy	52		3.2	20.9
169	110½	Lasmo†	163	+2	0.8	
73	35	Lasmo Undst	35		29.6	
75	55	Monument	62½	+¾		
7¼	3½	New London	5¼			
2584¼	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2300	−6¼	1.8	
9½	3½	Oceanics	3½			
50	36	Oil Search	40			
50¼	17½	Petroz	30½	−¾		
32½	21	Premier	24½	+¼		
158	43	Presidio	43		15.5	..
111	68	Pittencrieff Rs	70			
345	129	Ramco Egy	296		0.2	
463	325	Ranger	418	+3	4.8	..
7700	6681¼	Royal Dtch Fl	7368¾	+81¼	4.8	
4084¾	3221½	Schlumberger	3655¾	+9¾	2.1	..
68	39	Scotr Pickard	40		2.8	7.7
93	50	Seafield	91	+1		
758	651	Shell†	703	−2	4.8	
187	118	Sonrea Eng Sv	#116			6.7
4237½	3234¾	Total	3634¾	+21¼	2.6	17.4
19	8½	Wilers Grp	9½			
246	178½	Woodside	246		1.5	
110	28	XCL	50	−1		

OTHER FINANCIAL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD†	89	+4	5.9	8.6
132	96	Baltic Plct	129		2.9	*
185	55	Berry Bch Nb	57	...	11.2	8.6
215	148	Britec Inv	153			
154	108	Brewin Dolphin†	144	+4	4.3	11.0
797	620	Caledonia	638	...	3.2	17.4
2650	1900	Camellia	2300		1.7	6.1
22½	16¼	Canlcslet	16½		3.8	
630½	418	Cater Allen	460	+1	7.7	9.5
179½	125	Cattles	159	...	4.6	
85	26	Christie	26			57.5
16	12	EFG	14½		0.9	9.5
73	45½	EFT Group	72½	+1½	3.0	15.3
740	513	EFM†	713		4.2	
212	158	Exco	169	−¼	4.5	*
229	157	Gartmore†	179½	−5	3.8	15.1
515	395	Gerrard Nat	419		7.2	12.1
466	255	Govett†	260		7.0	4.3
1208	845	Henderson Ad	1014	+1	5.5	14.1
251½	151	Invesco	176	+1	2.7	39.9
50	37	Investment Co	48	...	4.8	14.7
250	185	Ivory Sime	203		4.6	15.8
317	193½	Jardine Strat	236¾	+4	3.5	9.6
428	95	Johnson Fry	116	−1	1.6	3.7
170	86	King Shaxson	88	+2	12.6	8.8
245	131	Lon Forfaiting†	157	+3	7.4	*
124	95	Lon Scot Bk	116		4.4	15.2
1243	794	M & G	1015	+7	3.7	17.8
323	218	MAI†	253	+1	3.9	12.7
117½	85½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	97½	+1		
807	538	MAM	755	...	3.8	17.6
142	101	Nat Home Loan	105½			9.7
1368	970	Perpetual	1388	+8	3.2	14.8
573	415	Provident†	552	+2	4.6	13.6
365	245	Rathbone Brs	293	+3	3.6	14.5
29	21½	Rutland Tst	25½		4.4	12.9
369	281¼	S & U	298	−3	4.6	9.7
425	135	Sharelink	394	+26	5.6	7.6
188	105	SJP Capital	114		3.3	8.1
499	324	Smith New Ct	471	−1	2.7	5.4
224	73	Towry Law†	74		7.8	17.6
65	23	Trio Hldgs	24		0.5	39.4
199	70	Unionf	85	+3	4.4	
31	20	Western Selectn	22		1.4	

PHARMACEUTICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Brit Biotech	496	...		
488	163	Cantab Pharma	163			
272	181	Celltech	272	+2		
151	88	Chiroscience	121	+1	...	
47	31	Cortecs	37			
168	103	Fisons	165	−1	3.3	
725	520	Glaxo†	713	+4	4.9	17.2
185	95½	Grampian Hdg	115½	−1½	6.0	21.3
230	130	Medeva†	218	−6½	1.9	14.9
3	¾	Premier Health	1			
330	227	Quality Care	230		2.4	11.4
362	242	Scotia	362	...		
83	39	Shield Diag	40			
532	357½	SmithKline†	514	+½	3.1	
513	332	Smithkline Ut	493	−4½	3.3	
1069	498	Wellcome†	1053		2.7	22.6
934	672	Zeneca†	890		4.0	20.1

PRINTING & PAPER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	124	+2	5.5	11.7
444	335	API	414		2.7	19.7
316	219	Arjo Wiggins†	249	+2	3.6	13.9
305	145	Aspen Comms	165		4.1	..
472	347	Bemrose	350		4.4	12.5
524	387	Bunzl†	432	+1	4.0	13.5
2112½	1378¼	Bowater Inct	2106¼	+18¼	..	
297	242	Bowmore Ind	282		1.8	17.2
525	435	Br Polythene	524		3.3	..
176	22	Br Thornton	28		8.9	2.5
180½	112	Britton Grpt	133½	−2½	2.3	*
185	139	Buzzl	172½	+¼	3.6	14.3
198	129	Capital Inds	156	+7	3.6	12.2
2446¼	1880¾	Carnaud Mt	2312½	+9¼	2.2	16.9
439	242	Cropper (James)	242	−9	1.8	12.7
1054	825	De La Rue	880		3.0	16.0
114	58	Delyn Group	58		3.7	10.2
137	96	Dolphin Pack	96		5.9	12.3
101	75	Fairway Group†	82		5.5	13.3
430½	295	Ferguson Intl	332	+2	4.8	13.3
145	102	Ferry Pickt	104		7.0	
30	1½	Hunterprint	1½			
230	138	Inveresk†	149		4.6	
295	248	Jarvis Porter	259		2.6	16.9
439	364	Low & Bonart	430	+1½	3.3	14.3
69	44½	MY Holdings	53		4.1	12.7
271	223	Macfarlane	231	+1	2.2	18.6
160	150	Photobition	153		4.9	11.1
250	148	Plysu	187	+1	4.7	30.5
412	314	St Ives Gp	335	+1	2.4	18.2
1191½	464¼	Sappi	1151	−2½	0.5	
30½	6½	Seril	8			
351½	143	Sidlaw	146		9.5	
573	398	Smith David	550	+1	2.8	16.7
420¼	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	362	+2	1.5	51.6
119	82	Somic	94		3.7	10.0
40	35	Una Group▲	35			
270	182	Wace	246	+6	2.0	15.7
291	187	Waddington (J)	195		5.5	9.5
517	350	Watmough†	364	+2	2.7	*
149	98	Wyndeham	138		2.8	17.6

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	73	Allied Lon	74	...	6.6	9.5
276	253	Argent	260			
80	63	Artesian Ests	70			
144	103	Asda	106		2.7	18.8
382½	211	Bilton	229	+3	5.3	16.6
283	183	Bixby	185	+1	4.8	16.1
39½	7	Bolton Gp	19			
108	48	Boome End	50		1.9	
276	170	Bradford	181	−2	4.7	15.2
137	103	Brightstone†	114		4.0	*
474	343	Br Land	378	+2	2.6	35.9
276	168	Brixton	181	+1	5.6	18.1
118	81	Burford†	98		2.2	26.0
192	96	CLS Hldgs	98		0.2	..
207½	125¼	Cap & Regnl	139	+1	1.4	31.5
225	187	Cap Shop Cent	196	−3	4.5	
325	158	Cardiff Prop	158		2.1	26.1
66	19	Catney Ind	19½			
185	143	Chelsfield	148	−1	2.0	50.2
678	413	Chesterfield	446		3.5	20.8
112	72	Chesterton Int†	72		5.7	12.2
84	36	City Site Ests	48			10.7
12¼	5	Clarke Nickolls	7½		3.4	
87½	50	Compco	70		7.1	6.2
56	20	Conrad Ritbl G5†	21		3.9	24.7
1755	1180	Daejan	1185		3.1	12.2
15½	3	Dares Estates	3½	−¼		
17	4	De Morgan	#5¼			
156	68	Debenham Tewn	70		8.2	11.1
188	156	Dencora	157		2.6	44.1
347¼	225	Derwent Hldgs†	238	+3½	2.6	..
41	16	Development Sec	16		0.8	..
51	40	Dwyer	40		2.3	18.9
50	25	Elexo	27½			
460	275	Estates Agency	339		4.7	*
47	18	Estates Gen	18			
132	92	Evans Of Leeds	94		3.5	15.7
43½	21¼	Ex-Lands	23½		2.2	32.2
80	64	Fiscal Prop	68		1.1	
39	23½	Five Oaks	24½		2.6	10.3
78	19	Fletcher King	21		8.9	10.4
71	38	Folkes Group	42		4.5	
51	36	Folkes Group nv	37		5.1	21.0
536	405	Frogmore	436		4.9	15.8
325	228	Grainger	255		2.9	14.1
260	166	Gr Portland	174	+1	5.9	29.8
226½	117½	Greycoat	122		0.6	*
94	22	Hambro Cntyd	31		0.2	*
435	298	Hammerson	316	−3	4.0	*
392	288	Helical Bar	307	+1	2.5	11.0
40¼	22¼	Hemingway	23		2.2	39.5
78	10	Hemxg Baker	14		8.9	..
75	31	High-Point†	43		2.9	
289	109	HK Land	136	+1¼	4.8	17.5
311¼	135½	Jermyn	157	−1	..	78.6
792	543	Land Sec	594		5.1	17.0
367	311	London Ind	311		4.0	17.1
43½	30	Lon & Assoc	30		2.7	20.3
16	6	Lon & Metro	7			0.2
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	92	−1	5.7	15.3
562	353	MEPC	388	+2	6.4	22.7
13½	5½	McInerney A	6			
190	133	McKay Secs†	134		4.9	12.8
85	48	Merivale Mnrt	62		6.6	7.5
55	27	Moorfield Estt	29	+½	4.3	13.6
1425	850	Mountview	890¾		3.1	8.9
196	127	Muckiow (A&J)	127		6.4	16.2
2¾	¼	ORB	¼			1.0
64	24	Olives Prop	24			9.0
191	131	PSIT†	132	+1	4.6	17.5
399	218	Peel†	236		2.6	31.9
164	138	Pillar Prop	160		2.9	..
12½	1¼	Power Corp	1¼			
9¼	4¼	Premier Land	4¾			18.6
86	56	RPS Group†	85	+½	4.3	11.9
53	28	Raglan	30			7.3
40	19½	Regalian	21	−½		5.2
180	110	Rowlinson Secs	110		2.1	7.9
134	97	Rugby Est	99		2.8	3.8
64	40	St Modwen Prpt	46		4.3	8.3
78	56	Savile Grdn (J)†	56	−1	6.2	13.3
100	43	Sirnls	45	+1	6.2	7.3
108	64	Scot Met	67½		3.7	8.2
135	86	Shaftesbury	90		1.4	19.7
307	207½	Slough Estates	217	−2	4.6	23.3
103	47	Southend Prop	42		7.3	
133	100	Speedy Shops	106		2.8	
50	2½	Stanhope Pps	#6			
44	34	TBI	40½	−½		1.8
244	163	Tops Ests	164		1.7	41.8
130½	92½	Town Centre	96	−1	4.1	17.0
107	79	Trafford Park	85		4.8	13.7
29½	15	Trenchenwood	17			6.7
58	28	UK Land	45			
317	192	Warner†	201		7.1	19.6
360	218	Warnford†	230		4.2	19.0
103½	62	Wates	66	+1	..	
45	25	Whitney Mck	25			
105	40	Wood John D	43		5.8	9.3
30	9	YRM	9			

RETAILERS, FOOD

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
75	50½	ASDA Group†	73½	−¼	3.1	16.9
315	222½	Argyll	280	−5	5.2	11.9
518	413	Brake Bros	517	+23	1.7	..
43	33	Budgens†	34	−½	3.7	20.6
17	11½	Cullens	12½			
137	65½	Dairy Farm Intl	81½	+1	4.4	11.4
394	344	Farepak	347		2.5	17.9
60	37	Fitzwilton	41	+3	7.1	
110	87	Fyffes†	101		1.9	14.4
371	154	Geest	173	+7	6.8	13.3
1168	653	Greggs†	1143	+1	2.5	
211	133	Iceland Group	164	+1	3.0	10.2
656	519	Kwik Save	538	+5	4.5	9.7
18	9	Merchant Retail	10½			
149	99	Morrison (W)	137	−4	1.1	13.7
232	126	Nurdin Peack	171		4.8	9.5
146	89½	Park Foods	108		3.0	9.6
5¼	1½	Regina Hlth	1¾			
480	342	Sainsbury J	426	+1	3.2	15.1
277½	200½	Tesco	263		3.8	13.2
198	142	Thornton†	154		4.0	12.6
422	279	Watson & Philip	370	+1	5.3	13.9

RETAILERS, GENERAL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	21	Alexon	22			
248	199	Alders	217		3.9	12.2
410	307	Argos Plct	393	−1½	3.3	17.6
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	63		0.2	..
357	65	Aspray	81	−4	9.3	6.7
246	176	Austin Reed	206		3.3	10.3
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	125		6.3	16.3
150	110	Bentalls	114		2.2	39.5
165	38	Betterware	39½		8.9	4.3
48	29	Blacks Leis	30		9.4	..
264	167	Body Shop	178	−3	1.5	15.7
601	458½	Boots	519½	−1½	3.7	16.6
12½	1½	Brown & Jackson	2¼	+¼		
363	205	Brown (N)	219		2.4	19.5
79	51	Burton	78		3.2	38.4
193	100	Cantors†	103		4.9	14.7
304	220	Carpetright	272	+3	3.8	19.3
246	133	Chrstes Int	135	+1	2.0	..
520	388	Church†	460	+5	3.7	*
171	67	Clinton Cards†	74		8.0	..
170	81	City Casuals	97		5.5	27.8
903	730	Courts Furnshr	768		1.0	39.1
210	155	Crown Eye	195		6.4	8.1
353	238	DFS Furniture	246		3.7	18.5
287	170	Dixons Grp	227	+5	3.7	24.1
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		3.8	27.2
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½			
284	104	Essex Furnt	105		5.5	11.7
326	170	Etam	199		4.8	11.0
558	320	Fine Art Dev	339	+1	5.3	10.5
68	37	First Earth	43			
106	71	Flying Flowers†	92½	−1½	2.6	12.1
282	124	French Conn	282	+2	..	11.9
264	205	Frost Group	232		2.9	23.4
66	48	Gemis	49		3.8	17.5
138	85	Goldsmiths Gp	113	−4	2.1	20.3
653	493	GUS†	572	+2	3.0	16.4
196	164	Hamleys	132		4.7	*
51	21	Hampden Grp	49	−5	3.1	
227	142	Hse of Fraser	169	−2	3.7	15.2
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	83		3.8	13.6
295	226	JJB Sports	251	+3	3.0	15.3
778	579	Kingfisher	466	+1	4.2	17.6
276	95	Kleeneze†	97	+2	1.9	27.6
435	233	Liberty	238		2.5	..
380	198	Lloyds Chemt	200		6.1	6.5
184	108	MFI	117	+1	4.5	14.8
460½	358½	Marks Spencer	416½	+2	2.9	18.5
680	495	Menzies (John)†	511		3.0	12.1
377	238	Moss Bros	349	+3	3.8	15.8
390	214	Next	287	+9	2.9	17.6
59	20	OEM	30		...	
97	39	Oliver (G)†	88½		1.4	14.5
113	77	Partridge Fine†	86		4.8	9.8
268	115	QS Hldgs	115		5.8	12.6
62	7½	Rhino Grp▲	8			
209	114	Rosebys	116		5.4	..
132	96	Sears	105	+2	4.4	17.8
46	14½	Signet Group	17½	+¼		6.0
549	404	Smith WH†	421	−6	4.8	21.6
1260	638	Sotheby's	738	+5	3.6	35.1
252	189	Storehouse	230	+2	3.1	18.9
206	151½	Stylo	173		1.9	11.7
198	143	T & S Stores	150	+1	5.6	..
173	98	The Rack	106	+2	2.1	12.6
63¼	3½	Upton & South	4¼			
539	384	Vendome	470	+5	2.1	36.1
70	24	WEW Group	26		3.4	22.0
93½	52	Wnd of Leather	60		3.2	*
195	138	Wyevale†	163		3.7	*

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	491	Allied Domecq	531	−6½	5.3	14.3
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	406		3.4	21.9
140	105	Burn Stewart	108		5.8	23.7
506	352	Grand Met†	391	−4	4.5	17.6
542	404	Guinness†	455½	+1½	3.9	14.0
457	353	Highland Dist	385		2.4	17.8
252	127	Macallan-Glen	184	−5	0.8	48.2
710	365	Marstn Mrtn 'A'	635	−5	2.0	27.3
614	515	Matthew Clark†	548		4.3	25.2
250	61	Merrydown W	83		3.8	..
190	129	Taunton Cider	135	−1	6.2	18.5

SUPPORT SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	73	ACT Group	110	+3½	6.0	11.8
743	583	ADT	723	+28		
46	34	Alphameric	35			26.7
140	43	Auto Sec	60	−1		7.8
162	99	BET Ord	108	+1	4.0	15.4
195	115	BNB Res	155		4.5	..
258	175	BPP†	247		4.9	*
186	130	BSM†	155	−¼	5.2	*
4¼	1	Black & Edg	4¼	+¼	..	
1100	500	Borland	687½			
226	105	Brit Data Mgt	113		6.0	8.0
79	57	Brooks Service	63		3.5	..
117½	75	CRT Gp†	86		4.9	21.1
238	147	Capita Group†	148	+1	2.8	*
423	277½	Chubb Sec	311	−1	2.6	18.1
243	105	Compel People	234		1.8	*
73	41	Corp Services†	73		3.4	*
97	48	Coutts Cnsltg†	52		3.6	*
276	204	Davis Service	211	+1	5.2	*
83	66	Dudley Jenkins†	70		6.0	13.3
154	69	EW Fact	69	−2	9.3	*
199¼	135	El Data Prct	138		1.8	13.5
334	261	Hays	307	+7	2.6	18.2
289	145	Hogg Robinson	145		6.3	9.3
39	18	Holmes Protectn	28			1.7
15	8	Ind Cnt & Data	10½			5.3
2696¾	1556¼	ISS B DK	1750	+8¼	1.4	
168	126	JBA Hldgs	165	+1	1.8	16.8
414	227	Johnson Cleant	243	+1	5.6	..
145	91	Kalamazoo	95		4.5	10.7
298	221	Kewill Sys	268		3.5	9.8
35	17	Laser-Scan	17	−1		
143¼	68	LBMS	118			
8	3½	Lep	3¼			
327	286	Logica†	326		2.1	17.5
264	65½	MDIS†	81		9.6	*
208	143	MMT Comp	188		3.5	14.9
216	97	MR Data Mngt	111		6.2	13.7
723	393	Macro 4†	393		6.5	11.1
2078½	1156¾	Manpower	2003½	−3¾	0.2	...
1320	688	Micro Focus	705			22.8
178	101	Microgen†	105	+1	8.6	11.4
548½	305	Misys†	354	+4	3.0	11.1
207	141½	MITIE Gp†	205		1.6	20.8
35	22	Nevo Group	25		1.0	9.6
82	17	OIS Intl	23	+1	10.3	4.3
31	18	Oasis	21		3.7	..
85	60	P & P†	85	+1¼	3.8	10.4
124	65	Michael Page	122	+6	3.1	*
143	90	Parity	114		1.9	*
235	138	Pegasus	138		4.6	*
115	82	Penna	95		5.3	*
89¼	57	Proudfoot	61	+1	7.2	10.5
415	265	RCO†	265		7.5	9.6
48	27	Radius	34		3.9	11.9
183	73	Real Time	169		3.8	12.8
177	104	Reed Executive	127		1.0	..
163	105	Reliance Sec	145		4.3	22.1
279	199½	Rentokil	244	+4	1.8	28.6
194	135	Ricardo Group†	141		5.3	17.6
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	164		3.0	26.2
785	507	Sage Gp	785	+1	1.7	17.1
392	222	Salvesen (C)	240	+3	4.9	12.4
94	75	Sanderson Elec	86		4.1	12.5
17½	9	Select App	13			
438	310	Serco Gp	395		1.3	*
307	243	Serco Gp†	250	−2	2.0	*
180	136	Servisair	174		2.8	*
139	75	Sherrd Cop	131	−1	1.9	*
130	85	Sketchley	85		4.7	14.3
254	167	Stat-Plus	188		6.6	*
146	100	Unipalm	123	+5		
31	12½	Vistec	15	+1	3.3	8.2
65	37	WSP Hldgt	41		6.1	*
338	245	Warner Howd	260		3.8	12.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	388	+2½	5.5	16.0
543	350½	Cable Wireless	393	+3	2.7	16.1
275	108	Filtronic Com	268	+1	0.3	56.4
1543	1146	Securicor	1503		0.3	34.3
1089	785	Securicor 'A'†	918		0.5	21.0
892	606	Security Servt	794		1.0	22.2
186	167	Telewest	170	−1		
221	157½	Vodafone	208½	+2	1.8	27.0

TEXTILES & APPAREL

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	68	Albion	68		5.9	3.6
230	116	Alexdr W	118	+1	6.1	12.6
617	450	Allied Text	455		3.7	13.9
169	72	Allsts	73		13.9	23.2
45	31	Automagic	31			7.8
270	200	Baird (Wm)	221		5.4	
71	35	Beckman (A)	42		10.7	20.6
290	226	Black (Peter)†	232		2.5	13.5
121	74	Bridport-Gndry	112		3.3	15.3
228	171	Br Mohair†	187	−2½	6.0	*
74	20	Campari	#25			
104	68	Cassidy Brost	68		5.1	8.7
193	163	Chams Phipps	175	+1	5.2	23.0
385	282	Claremont Grt	305	+6	3.7	
287	166	Coats Viyella	194	+1	5.3	16.8
593	410	Courtauld Text	452	+7	4.1	13.8
159½	92½	Dawson	99½		3.8	..
143	97½	Dewhirst (J)	142½	+1	1.5	20.1
52	32	Dollar Heel	34		5.1	10.0
42	25	Drummond	29			13.0
26	13	Elbief	18			
80	63	Fazpel	64		9.6	10.4
343	260	FII†	338		3.5	25.7
155	136	Forminster	150		2.8	12.6
23	14	Foster (John)	18	+1		
126	91	Franch	91		5.0	12.4
101	48	Gent SR†	100	+2	2.9	22.3
113	73	Haggas†	98		4.2	12.4
70¼	8½	Hartstone	10	+¼	4.0	..
33	21	Helene Plc	22		11.4	9.1
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	225		2.7	15.9
31	21	Hollas†	21¼	−¼	3.4	..
91	53	Honeysuckle†	64		6.9	6.3
126	47	House Shall▲	124			15.8
211	173	Jacques Vert†	207		3.2	8.6
73	55	Jeanne (S)	57		1.8	7.2
386	368	Jones Stroud†	381	+1	3.4	16.1
202½	118	Lamberty	123	+2½	7.2	*
485	283	Lamont	308	+1	5.1	10.3
340	247	Leeds	249		3.2	12.9
88	61	Leslie Wise Gpt	68		7.8	*
101	59	Lyles (S)	64		4.9	7.2
27	18½	Marling	25		3.3	...
17	10	PEX	10			
266	144	Parkland	144		4.3	8.6
123	84	Pentland	114		3.5	17.1
75	53	Pittards	65		3.9	8.7
112	58½	Readicut	60½	+1½	7.1	10.2
90	61	Renmore	63	+1	5.6	6.7
96	38	Richards	50		5.0	*
74	42	SEET	68	−1		
180	75	Sherwood Gp	79	+1	4.8	9.2
180	124	Shiloh	130		3.4	7.9
146	90	Sirdar	91	+1½	7.5	12.8
64	50	Stirling Gp	52		4.7	14.4
28	16	Strong & Fisher	16		8.8	*
69	34	UK Safety	35		9.3	8.8
142	105	Ulster (Frank)†	137		7.3	8.1
143	42	Weasom	135		2.7	19.7
289	239	Yorklyde	258		3.6	11.8

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	65		6.7	12.4
777½	619¼	All Nippon Air	698	+13½	0.3	*
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports†	285	+1	2.4	18.1
541½	414	BAA	471	−6	2.5	18.8
142	103½	Badgerline	132½		3.9	..
496½	344	Br Airways	397	−4	3.6	9.8
79	25	Central Tdm R	32			
108	75	Clarkson (H)	102		2.1	25.8
179	140	Dart	145		3.4	14.0
592¼	195	Eurotunnel Uts	244	+9	...	
87	50	Fisher (James)†	60	+6	2.1	*
508	405	Forth Ports	445	+2	2.8	*
253	156	GRT Bus	256		1.9	19.8
193	113	Go-Ahead†	178		2.8	19.0
222	125	Goode Durrant	213		3.7	16.7
155	115	Isle! Steam	115	−12	4.9	*
71	39	Jacobs (JI)†	57	+1½	2.2	..
111	70	Lon O'Seas Frist	70		6.7	1.7
534	358	Mersey Docks†	380	+2	3.5	*
291	145	NFC†	165	−1	5.4	18.8
347	245	Nat Express	#317		3.5	
348	244	Ocean Group	300	+1	6.0	15.1
91	58	Ocean Wilson	73		5.5	10.6
743	549	P & O Dfd	591	+6	6.5	18.3
209	153	P & O 5.5%	188	+3	3.7	..
102	84	Seacon†	87		3.4	46.9
238	158	Stagecoach	213	−1	2.9	21.2
131	81	TNT	85			
915	573	Tibbet & Britn	590	+15	3.1	15.1
327	184	TDG†	208		5.7	13.9
136	98	Ugland	118		3.5	
160	75	Utd Carriers	103		8.1	*

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	465	−10	6.3	10.5
365	293	Mid Kent Hldgs	346		4.3	11.7
611	454	North West	526	−8	5.8	7.6
880	508	Northumbrian	829	−11	3.3	8.9
845	457	Severn Trent	504	−9	5.8	8.4
2100	1525	South Stafs	2100	+2	3.2	12.7
675	459	South West	498	−5	6.3	7.3
682	466	Southern	556	+1	5.4	8.6
611	434½	Thames	487	−8	6.0	7.3
744	546	Welsh	597	−7	5.5	8.6
379¼	252	Wessex	277	−1	5.5	7.2
630	458	Yorkshire	511	−4	5.7	7.5

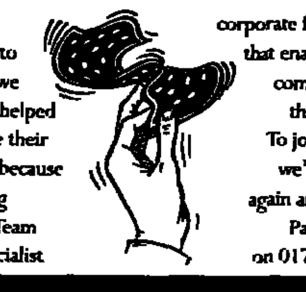
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BRITISH FUNDS

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103¾	97¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	99¾		3.01	5.38
107	101	Exch 10¼% 1995	101		10.12	6.32
113	103	Treas 12¾% 1995	103		12.29	6.50
117	105	Treas 14% 1996	105		13.25	6.77
121	108	Treas 15¼% 1996	108		14.04	7.00
117	106	Exch 13¼% 1996	106		12.44	7.15
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103		9.64	7.52
100¾	96	Treas 7% 1997	98	+	7.12	7.81
121	108	Treas 13¼% 1997	109	+	12.12	7.88
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+	10.01	7.72
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	+	8.60	7.93
131	114	Exch 15% 1997	115	...	12.94	8.04
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	+	9.39	8.16
108	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	97	+	7.43	8.16
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96		7.02	8.18
131	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	115	+	12.12	8.31
140	120	Treas 15½% 1998	121		12.72	8.19
125	105	Exch 12% 1998	111		10.78	8.33
116	100	Treas 9½% 1999	103		9.15	8.32
138	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112		10.85	8.38
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	107	+	9.78	8.36
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	91	..	6.55	8.31
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	106		9.59	8.43
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	102		8.78	8.38
98	86	Treas 8% 2000	98	−	8.12	8.33
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	118	−	10.93	8.50
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	106		9.36	8.51
108	88	Treas 7% 2001	92	..	7.55	8.46
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	106	−	9.18	8.57
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	97	−	8.24	8.51
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	108	−	9.22	8.57
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112		10.18	8.67
98	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75	−	4.86	7.16
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	106	−	8.95	8.55
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	88	−	7.59	8.46
100	97	Treas 8½% 2005	100	−	8.47	8.44
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	106	−	8.92	8.53
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122	−	10.21	8.74
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	94	−	8.17	8.46
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	96	+	8.31	8.51
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116	−	10.07	8.76
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	100	−	8.48	8.45
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129	−	10.45	8.75
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	104	−	8.61	8.44
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	96		8.30	8.43
LONGS (over 15 years)						
98	77	Treas 6¼% 2010	81	−	7.64	8.36
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	105	−	8.57	8.43
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	105	−	8.54	8.41
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	−	7.30	8.18
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	96	−	8.28	8.31
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	−	8.24	8.39
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	−	8.41	8.35
158	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	−	9.12	8.58
UNDATED						
54	39	War Ln 3½%	42		8.32	
37	27	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.53	
INDEX-LINKED						
206	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	200		1.64	3.44
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108		2.70	3.64
178	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168	−	3.38	3.84
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	−	3.49	3.85
118	107	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	109	−	3.51	3.85
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	171	−	3.57	3.84
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	154	−	3.62	3.85
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	160	−	3.65	3.86
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	131	−	3.67	3.85
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	140	−	3.69	3.87
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	134	−	3.72	3.87
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111	−	3.72	3.86
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110	−	3.74	3.88

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Growth Amer	162.20	171.62	- 2.50	[illegible]
Growth Euro	234.50	249.46	- 2.70	[illegible]
Growth Euro	194.50	205.30	- 2.80	[illegible]
Growth Euro Bd	108.30	112.30		[illegible]
Growth Gilt	72.45	75.11	- 2.10	[illegible]
Growth Japan	147.70	156.30	- 2.10	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	521.70	553.20	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Inc	463.10	492.70	- 4.50	[illegible]
UK Growth Acc	336.40	357.30	- 3.70	[illegible]
UK Growth Inc	245.30	260.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
Higher Inc Acc	659.80	700.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Higher Inc Inc	381.41	405.80	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	186.60	197.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	88.41	93.31	- 0.95	[illegible]
Nth American	266.40	283.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East	323.30	344.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
Europe	264.70	277.60	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bnt Equity	71.18	75.73	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brit Tracker Acc	98.80	105.20	- 0.50	[illegible]
Brit Tracker Inc	71.54	76.11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Opps	81.67	86.83	- 2.64	[illegible]
Balanced Acc	53.71	56.71	[illegible]	[illegible]
Balanced Inc	51.91	55.25	[illegible]	[illegible]
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	126.50	124.50	- 2.30	[illegible]
High Inc Equity	156.60	167.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide Bond	26.90	28.40		4.56
Capital Growth				
American Growth	280.70	300.60	[illegible]	
Asian Pacific	294.10	312.50	[illegible]	
Assets & Earnings	251.20	267.20	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comdty & Energy	92.97	98.91	[illegible]	
Euro Capital Inc	127.60	136.60	[illegible]	
(Accum Units)	136.30	145.70	[illegible]	
General	225.00	239.40	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	107.20	114.20	[illegible]	
Mastertrust	133.60	142.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth Dist	110.50	118.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Emerging Cos	130.60	139.30	[illegible]	
Income & Growth	374.30	398.20	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ethical	64.75	68.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	105.10	111.70	[illegible]	
Dividend & Growth	58.44	62.17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Gwth & Sec	66.76	71.26	[illegible]	[illegible]
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	116.07	124.69		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	34.12	35.92	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash	50.16	50.16	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emerging Mkts	62.20	65.79	- 0.63	0.05
European	105.40	110.20	- 1.40	
Exempt	921.50	985.50	- 2.70	[illegible]
Extra Income #	34.10	37.22	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Emrg Eco	105.70	112.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fixed Interest #	21.66	22.74	- 0.29	[illegible]
Fixed Inv Tst	153.20	161.10	- 0.40	[illegible]
Japan	166.50	174.80	[illegible]	
Latin American	44.18	46.36	- 1.70	7.06
Pacific	67.52	71.17	- 0.31	0.27
Property Share	59.12	62.66	- 0.04	2.20
UK Emerging Cos	59.58	62.56	- 0.07	1.38
UK Growth	42.96	45.54	- 0.33	2.57
Aber World Port #	68.71	70.87	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ethical	58.96	61.85	- 0.24	2.84
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.97	48.97	- 0.02	7.66
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
British Growth	68.20	72.55	- 0.48	3.00
British Income	79.42	84.49	- 0.56	2.79
Select Portfolio	80.98	86.15	- 0.18	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.22	76.63	- 0.29	2.69
Income Builder Inc	68.14	70.36	- 0.51	3.10
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	220.70	235.90	- 2.30	3.31
Capital	392.50	419.50	- 1.90	1.97
Balanced	656.00	701.20	- 1.30	2.74
Accumulator	£12.17	£13.00	- 2.00	3.12
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.23	50.56	- 0.28	3.52
High Income	377.20	403.20	+ 1.50	3.83
Equity Income	213.90	228.60	- 0.70	3.64
High Yield	231.78	247.60	- 0.50	3.51
Govt Securities	32.59	34.83		6.09
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	145.00	155.00	+ 0.70	0.45
European Growth	32.31	34.45	+ 0.29	0.01
International	148.20	158.40	+ 1.60	0.21
Japan	177.40	189.10	+ 1.50	0.01
Pacific	345.80	369.60	+ 3.10	0.01
Secs of America	425.40	452.80	+ 1.90	0.51
Wwide Asset Val	44.84	47.93	- 0.49	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	506.60	540.40	+ 0.80	2.36
Cmdy & Gilt	41.53	44.39	+ 0.03	5.23
Smaller Cos	158.00	168.90	+ 0.60	1.31
2nd Smaller Cos	149.80	160.10	+ 0.40	1.52
Recovery	131.80	140.80	+ 0.70	1.86
Mkt Min & Cmy	141.80	151.50		0.79
Osean Earnings	338.50	361.80	+ 1.10	1.86
Technology	159.30	170.20	+ 1.70	0.01
UK Special Sits	436.30	466.40	+ 1.60	1.86
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Charibd Ord Pens	95.31	99.02		3.04
Founder Pens Pens	59.32	61.63		1.84
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0083				
Capital	69.43	73.86	+ 0.32	2.19
International	59.69	63.50		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	261.20	281.60	+ 0.70	
Bond	110.80	116.60	+ 0.30	7.14
Brit Smlr Cos	92.99	98.93	+ 0.44	1.89
Conv & Gilt #	62.14	66.11	+ 0.30	5.95
Europe	207.00	220.40	+ 2.00	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	93.35	99.83	+ 0.46	0.62
Income Gwth	325.90	346.70	+ 1.70	4.49
Japan	275.10	292.30	- 3.80	
Latin American	96.60	98.21	- 2.08	
Pacific	98.23	104.50	+ 1.40	1.48
UK Smlr Cos	49.63	52.80	+ 0.16	1.45
Japan Fd	605.80	624.20	- 2.50	
Mngd Fd	167.70	178.40	+ 1.30	3.16
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Ovrses	266.50	280.50		1.32
Capital Gwth	108.30	114.10		2.35
Wwde Opps	168.60	177.50		0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bisc Inv Fd Inc	334.90	348.80	+ 2.80	3.20
European Bd Inc	87.91	91.08	+ 0.24	7.86
Exempt	71.82	76.61	- 0.74	4.37
Financial	72.94	78.01	- 0.66	2.94
500.0	415.50	444.40	- 1.30	2.79
General	261.20	279.90	+ 2.40	2.98
Property	243.90	265.10		6.53
Trustee	174.60	186.50	+ 1.60	2.59
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90		5.36
Extra Income	113.60	121.50	- 0.90	4.33
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.08	57.85	+ 0.12	8.87
Income	498.80	533.40	- 4.30	4.30
Income Builder	59.30	63.08	- 0.50	5.09
Intl Income	58.01	62.78	- 0.52	3.84
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	113.40	121.00	- 1.20	2.70
Leisure	117.00	125.20	- 0.50	1.70
Recovery	398.00	425.70	- 3.90	2.98
Smllr Cos Inc	41.16	44.14	- 0.07	2.31
Special Sits	271.70	290.60	+ 2.80	1.85
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	125.50	133.10	- 1.30	0.81
Aust Acc	221.20	235.30	- 1.30	2.28
Aust Inc	136.10	144.70	+ 0.70	2.28
Euro Gwth Inc	139.50	148.00	+ 1.80	1.31
(Accum Units)	149.30	158.40	+ 2.0	1.31
Japan & Gen Inc	155.10	164.20	+ 0.70	
(Accum Units)	156.80	166.00	- 0.60	
Japan Spec Sits	71.09	75.31	- 0.97	
Univ Tech Inc	75.64	80.38	- 0.63	0.08
Worldwide	157.00	166.70	+ 1.90	1.08
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	91.52	96.95	+ 1.23	
Amer Smlr Cos	126.30	135.00	+ 1.40	
Convertibles	51.60	55.89	+ 0.19	5.70
Eastern	251.50	272.20	- 4.30	0.30
Equity Income	83.27	89.82	- 0.67	4.90
European Growth	281.70	299.00	+ 5.00	0.80
Europe	207.80	221.70	+ 1.40	0.20
German Growth	69.28	73.44	- 0.30	0.50
Global Bond	61.92	65.18	- 0.07	6.30
Global Growth	117.70	125.40	+ 1.20	
Japan Growth	171.50	182.70	- 0.90	
Japan Sunrise	143.40	152.48	+ 0.30	
Korea Trust	77.57	85.82	+ 1.55	
Portfolio	135.60	132.40	+ 1.00	1.80
(Accum Units)	227.20	243.60	+ 1.80	1.80
UK Growth	79.61	85.38	+ 0.86	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	77.54	84.72	- 0.69	1.80
Select Managers	71.11	76.19	+ 0.58	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	68.73	73.12		
Special Oppor Inc	50.74	53.98		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	102.82	108.80	+ 1.16	1.97
(Accum Units)	115.58	122.30	+ 1.31	1.97
Smaller Cos	96.06	101.65	+ 0.64	1.28
Higher Yield #	43.03	45.53	+ 0.31	4.76
American Gth Inc	71.82	76.00	- 0.88	
European Growth	120.30	127.31	- 1.55	
(Accum Units)	122.67	129.81	+ 1.58	
Global Bond Inc #	26.33	27.38	- 0.08	8.29
Mngd Ptflo Inc	38.91	41.16	+ 0.43	1.54
(Accum Units)	39.66	41.96	+ 0.43	1.54
Intl Spec Opps	103.65	109.70	+ 1.44	
Pacific Grth	111.00	117.46	+ 1.81	
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	72.42	76.64	+ 0.59	3.73
(Accum Units) #	74.16	78.47	+ 0.60	3.73
Japan	53.43	56.54	+ 1.18	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	94.06	95.98	- 0.19	7.98
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	62.51	63.31	+ 0.05	6.46
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	148.20	157.70	+ 1.00	1.90
UK Growth	162.40	172.80	+ 1.60	2.47
UK Income	129.00	137.90	- 1.00	4.57
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	179.30	190.10	+ 1.90	2.08
-do- Income Dist	104.80	111.10	+ 0.70	4.50
(Accum Units)	316.30	335.30	+ 2.20	4.50
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.00	41.34	+ 0.03	6.58
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5362				
American & Gen	151.90	161.60	+ 2.70	
European Inc	73.42	77.71	+ 0.64	0.59
Smaller Cos (4-1)	75.78	80.62	+ 0.11	2.21
Growth	399.60	425.20	- 8.10	2.66
Income & Growth	390.10	415.00	+ 0.60	4.13
(Accum Units)	556.70	592.30	+ 0.80	4.13
Japan & Gen	63.30	67.17	+ 0.61	
Master Portfolio	£96.51	£100.18	+74.00	2.21
(Accum Units)	£115.14	£119.42	+89.00	2.21
Special Sits	92.04	97.92	+ 0.53	2.59
High Yield	£12.72	£13.12	+10.00	4.56
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.75	85.06		2.59
American Portfolio	90.89	96.79		1.29
Euro Portfolio	88.11	93.88		0.92
European Portfolio	58.99	62.01	+ 0.39	
Japanese Portfolio	126.85	136.40	- 1.10	0.96
Pacific Portfolio	72.98	78.25		3.42
UK Inc & Growth	52.49	53.11		7.21
Uglty & Bond				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.87
Fixed Int	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.93
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 330 5555				
UK Growth Tr	61.41	62.37	- 0.44	3.14
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.97
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Fixed Int	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.13
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7602				
[illegible]	[illegible]	114.54		
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]		5.414
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.49
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.74
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.74	1.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	74.91		0.97
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 4.50	1.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 2.24	4.15
[illegible]	[illegible]	56.01		4.20
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	[illegible]	53.22	- 0.56	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	57.18	61.52	- 0.60	
Asian Mkts Gwth	34.31	36.67	- 0.44	0.55
Balanced Growth	61.24	65.60	- 0.74	0.68
Equity Income	89.10	94.21	- 0.72	4.78
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	119.17	- 1.06	4.78
European Gwth	47.66	50.97	- 0.67	1.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	27.78	- 3.61	
[illegible]	[illegible]	75.80	- 0.09	2.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	49.74	- 0.26	
[illegible]	48.84	51.96	- 0.45	2.95
[illegible]	[illegible]	30.19	- 0.07	1.56
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	31.27	- 0.09	1.56
[illegible]	[illegible]	26.29	- 0.24	5.95
[illegible]	36.09	39.30	- 0.26	2.20
UK & Overseas	45.24	49.13	- 0.55	1.44
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 838 020				
[illegible]	66.97	70.04	- 0.19	2.27
[illegible]	59.57	63.75	- 0.57	4.17
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	152.81	162.56	- 1.35	5.48
Fixed & Convertible	38.45	40.90	- 0.06	7.51
Monthly Inc Plus	46.29	49.35	- 0.07	3.08
Preference Share	45.09	47.97	- 0.02	7.70
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	116.41	123.84	+ 0.77	7.53
Managed Fund	65.41	69.58	- 0.92	3.03
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.05	38.35	- 0.14	1.77
(Accum Units)	41.25	43.88	- 0.17	1.77
UK & General	76.44	81.32	- 0.81	2.73
(Accum Units)	95.67	101.78	- 1.01	2.73
UK Growth	137.15	145.90	+ 1.56	2.34
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	175.21	186.39	- 2.68	0.27
Far Eastern Gwth	116.20	123.62	+ 1.22	
Global Bond	77.31	82.16	- 0.26	6.16
Japan Growth	104.95	111.65	+ 0.88	
North Amer Gwth	167.37	178.06	+ 2.33	..
Oriental Growth	69.84	74.36	- 0.91	
Worldwide Growth	61.52	65.45	+ 0.32	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.35	93.35	+ 0.03	6.02
Homesmaker Fund	75.24	80.04	+ 0.61	1.89
Quilter Fund	122.89	130.73	+ 1.17	2.48
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
01438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.97	59.54	- 0.46	3.40
(Accum Units)	60.61	64.47	- 0.50	3.40
High Income	32.75	34.83	+ 0.23	4.90
Japan	32.33	34.39	+ 0.17	
Smaller Cos Inc	28.72	30.55	+ 0.14	2.80
Smaller Cos	30.41	32.35	+ 0.14	2.80
North American	32.03	34.07	+ 0.35	0.60
European	35.11	37.35	+ 0.57	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.34	31.46		3.53
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	133.30	141.90		2.18
Income	65.01	69.16	+ 0.79	5.17
European	57.44	61.11	+ 0.41	1.00
Recovery	148.20	157.70	+ 0.10	2.31
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	774.00	787.20		3.78
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	70.85	75.37	+ 0.67	1.31
Income #	230.30	245.00	+ 1.20	4.78
(Accum Units) #	567.20	603.30	+ 4.10	4.78
Smaller Cos	151.40	161.00	+ 1.30	0.61
(Accum Units)	185.00	196.80	+ 1.60	0.61
Inv Portfolio	76.11	80.96	+ 0.71	1.49
High Inc Port #	66.27	70.49	+ 0.41	4.95
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 8177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.94	£15.31		
Japan Small Cos	£11.14	£11.36		..
UK Small Cos	£16.53	£17.26		
US Small Cos	£15.86	£16.17		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	193.30	203.50		3.19
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	258.30	273.20	+ 4.00	1.02
New Asia	193.60	206.40	+ 1.70	0.16
Japan Growth	105.10	112.00	+ 1.20	
Jap Smlr Co	414.80	441.00	- 2.90	
Nth Amer	264.80	280.80	+ 3.00	0.65
Sthrd Asia Pac Mt	109.30	115.50	+ 0.70	0.38
UK Inc & Grth	205.60	219.50	- 1.60	3.03
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	135.80	144.50	+ 1.40	1.85
UK High Inc Inc	144.90	154.20	+ 1.30	4.67
(Accum Units)	185.70	197.50	+ 1.70	4.67
Uk Pref & F I Inc	56.65	60.12	+ 0.08	5.21
Envmnmnt Opps	81.73	86.95	+ 0.58	1.08
UK Smlr Cos #	47.60	50.64	+ 0.25	
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 080 526				
American	120.40	127.80	+ 1.20	1.37
Convertibles #	19.67	20.90	+ 0.07	6.70
Equity Income #	119.60	127.30	+ 0.90	4.16
EuroFund	42.51	45.17	+ 0.51	0.44
Financial	41.69	44.30	- 0.34	1.89
Growth & Inc #	224.30	238.30	+ 1.50	3.73
High Dist #	148.10	157.40	+ 1.00	4.76
International	358.10	380.50	+ 4.20	0.13
Intl Cap Inc	87.31	93.30	+ 0.62	2.95
Latin American	24.78	26.33	+ 0.96	
Pacific	72.35	76.87	+ 0.82	
Preference Share	20.96	22.26	+ 0.01	7.41
Tokyo	197.20	209.50	+ 3.30	
UK Smaller Cos	213.60	227.00	+ 1.00	1.21
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Ecn Trust	194.16	207.24	- 3.52	1.04
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	189.00	201.10		1.03
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	75.31	79.27	- 0.64	1.89
Ethical Tst	40.20	42.32	+ 0.05	1.44
Far Eastern	273.76	288.17	+ 1.35	2.78
High Income	125.88	132.51	+ 0.29	5.02
Intl Growth	110.49	116.31	- 0.71	1.38
North American	108.15	113.84	+ 0.29	1.34
Pelican	112.08	117.88	+ 0.33	3.43
Smaller Cos	62.28	65.58	+ 0.14	3.17
Special Sits	81.96	86.27	+ 0.21	2.94
Tst of Inv Tsts	170.17	179.13	- 0.81	1.79
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	188.53	196.39	+ 1.01	1.49
Smaller Cos Acc	329.88	343.63	+ 1.76	1.49
Recovery	47.31	49.28		1.44
Recovery Acc	47.82	49.81		1.44
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Balanced	108.68	115.51	- 0.06	6.07
Capital Growth	76.57	82.11	+ 0.25	
Fd of Inv Tsts	41.52	44.29	+ 0.26	0.65
High Income #	39.96	42.82	+ 0.05	10.74
Warrant	47.64	51.78	+ 0.22	
Zero Preference	36.88	39.13	+ 0.03	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	74.34	79.09	+0.140	2.96
Family Income Tst	42.66	42.66	+0.190	6.86
Family Trust	80.23	85.34	+0.340	1.58
United Charities	248.30	264.10	+0.800	4.22
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.66	26.75	- 0.05	7.54
Intl Bond	28.41	29.48	+ 0.02	5.15
Income Funds				
High Income	23.00	24.20	+ 0.13	5.19
Income Plus	103.90	110.50	+ 0.80	4.16
Amer Eq Inc	45.26	48.95	+ 0.59	1.92
European Income	39.16	41.64	+ 0.41	1.67
Far East Inc	60.70	64.54	- 0.10	2.38
Global Convertible	21.59	23.03	+ 0.05	3.57
UK Div Grth	23.16	24.63	- 0.15	1.91
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	56.34	59.03	- 0.05	
American	240.10	254.40	- 3.30	
Amer Spec Sits	114.90	122.60	- 1.00	
Japan Smaller Cos	33.60	35.85	- 0.06	
European	155.90	165.80	- 1.40	
European Opps	58.20	61.89		
Global Priv	22.85	24.42	+ 0.27	0.90
UK Growth	86.10	91.56	+ 0.27	
Growth & Inc	133.90	142.40	+ 0.70	2.24
Intl PEP	34.88	37.09	- 0.25	
Japan Spec Sits	87.15	86.38	- 0.05	
Japan	170.50	181.80	- 0.10	
Managed Intl	258.30	275.08	+ 1.90	
Moneybuilder	49.64	52.79	+ 0.25	
Recovery	45.53	48.42	+ 0.10	
South E Asia	142.70	152.38	+ 3.10	
Special Sits	479.80	510.20	+ 2.00	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Unit	108.70	108.70	+ 0.04	5.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	127.90	130.70		1.97
Inc Ptofo #	81.31	82.96	+ 0.43	3.44
Cap Ptofo	134.60	137.10	- 1.20	1.31
General Opps	116.40	118.50		3.54
Growth Inc	29.40	30.02	- 0.28	1.79
Private Portfolio	380.60	389.50		1.35
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1454 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	105.70	111.60	+ 1.30	0.38
Emrg Asian	153.80	164.50	+ 0.60	
High Income	20.96	22.23	+ 0.16	10.12
Osean Income	86.23	92.29	+ 0.82	3.40
UK Growth	103.40	110.80	+ 0.90	1.94
UK Income	102.60	109.50	- 0.80	3.85
US Smaller Cos	295.00	315.50	- 2.00	0.15

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.98	48.35	+ 0.27	3.36
-do- Inv Tst Inc	70.17	73.79	+ 0.39	3.75
Intl Growth	63.17	66.42		
Investment Trust	83.68	87.99	+ 0.32	
UK Smaller Cos	78.05	82.07	+ 0.33	1.0
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 374 4100				
American Growth	55.53	59.32	+ 0.80	
(Accum Units)	55.53	59.32	+ 0.80	
Amer Smlr Cos	469.08	501.60	+ 5.50	
(Accum Units)	479.10	512.40	+ 5.60	
Capital Tst	284.80	302.50	+ 1.50	1.61
(Accum Units)	409.50	435.50	+ 2.00	1.61
Cntl Smlr Cos	56.69	60.76	+ 0.18	0.51
(Accum Units)	59.61	63.90	+ 0.20	0.51
Convertible	118.80	126.40	+ 0.10	5.87
(Accum Units)	240.00	255.30	+ 0.20	5.87
Emerging Markets	61.26	64.44	+ 1.03	
(Accum Units)	61.31	65.49	+ 1.02	
European	110.50	117.30	+ 1.50	0.14
(Accum Units)	115.80	122.80	+ 1.70	0.14
Euro Income	316.40	336.50	+ 2.30	3.99
(Accum Units)	475.20	505.40	+ 3.40	3.99
Financial	116.18	125.00	+ 0.40	0.38
(Accum Units)	122.33	131.60	+ 1.00	0.30
Gilt Trust	61.79	63.71		6.37
(Accum Units)	86.28	88.98	- 0.01	6.37
Health Fund Inc	132.80	141.10	- 1.20	
(Accum Units)	132.90	141.80	+ 1.20	
Income & Growth	182.70	193.80	+ 1.40	3.32
(Accum Units)	275.20	292.70	+ 2.10	3.32
Intl Growth	338.90	362.70	+ 4.10	
(Accum Units)	376.30	402.80	+ 4.50	
Japan & Gen	151.80	161.30	- 0.80	
(Accum Units)	152.50	162.90	- 0.90	
Monthly Inc	152.90	162.60	+ 0.90	4.11
Managed Port Inc	97.66	102.80		1.49
(Accum Units)	103.50	108.90		1.49
Quarterly Income	50.51	53.72	+ 0.24	4.72
(Accum Units)	54.29	57.67	+ 0.25	4.77
Recovery	315.20	337.00	- 2.00	0.13
(Accum Units)	371.00	396.70	- 2.40	0.13
UK Growth	53.21	56.79	+ 0.40	2.79
(Accum Units)	54.01	57.76	+ 0.40	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smlr Cos	109.50	117.10	+ 1.30	0.0
FP Asian Growth	273.20	290.00	+ 1.80	0.0
FP Australian	291.80	313.00	- 2.30	0.0
FP Equity Dist	369.80	393.40	+ 3.60	2.81
-do- Accum	781.10	830.90	+ 7.60	2.81
FP Euro Gth Dist	138.10	146.90	+ 2.20	0.72
-do- Accum	144.00	153.10	+ 2.30	0.77
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.00	135.70	+ 0.10	7.43
-do- Accum	237.80	251.20	+ 0.30	7.43
FP Intl Bond	55.33	58.51	+ 0.16	6.59
FP Intl Gth Dist	86.97	92.52	+ 1.32	0.78
-do- Accum	91.06	96.87	+ 1.38	0.78
FP Nth Amer Dist	184.90	195.80	+ 2.60	1.10
-do- Accum	203.70	215.70	+ 2.80	1.10
FP Pac Basin Acc	186.10	198.90	+ 2.20	..
FP Income	52.19	55.66	+ 0.61	5.23
(Accum Units)	168.90	180.10	+ 2.0	5.23
FP Jap Smlr Cos	289.70	308.40	- 2.20	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.76	73.38	+ 0.60	6.05
FP Stlg Deposit	100.90	100.90		6.25
FP Tokyo	77.42	82.58	- 0.78	0.0
FP UK Focus	35.12	37.76	+ 0.29	2.02
FP UK Growth	164.90	175.80	+ 1.70	2.89
(Accum Units)	319.20	340.40	+ 3.30	2.89
Stewardship Dist	315.60	335.70	+ 1.80	2.12
-do- Accum	386.00	410.60	+ 2.20	2.12
Stewardship Inc Dist	67.09	71.37	+ 0.30	3.91
-do- Accum	87.04	92.59	- 0.40	3.91
N Am Stshp Dist	94.19	100.20	+ 1.35	0.87
-do- Accum	100.20	106.50	+ 1.50	0.87
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	101.90	108.40	- 0.80	1.03
Opn Cap Gth Acc	102.20	108.70	- 0.60	0.28
Cap Gth Inc Inc	98.99	105.30	- 0.70	2.46
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.40	107.80	- 0.70	2.46
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	101.20	107.60	- 0.50	3.09
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	103.70	110.30	- 0.40	3.09
M&I Unit Trusts				
American	45.24	48.12	+ 0.69	1.14
European	193.20	204.90	+ 2.80	0.79
(Accum Units)	209.00	221.70	+ 3.10	0.79
Intl	30.19	32.21	+ 0.42	0.97
(Accum Units)	43.78	46.72	+ 0.62	0.97
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 109/7				
GANDA	228.90	242.00	+ 2.40	2.56
Cash	49.57	50.31	+ 0.02	5.29
Growth Portfolio	72.31	76.65	+ 1.01	1.07
Income Portfolio	60.87	64.37	+ 0.87	4.79
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	174.30	186.40	+ 1.80	1.53
Dividend	84.91	90.81	+ 0.85	4.20
Intl Gth & Inc	211.60	226.30	+ 1.70	3.11
UK & Gen	41.88	44.79	+ 0.07	2.48
Fund of Funds	59.08	63.17	- 0.27	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 8421				
Amer Spec Sits	177.10	188.40	+ 1.10	
Amer Grth	510.00	545.50	+ 4.30	0.58
Far East & Gen	224.30	239.90	+ 1.60	
Germany	108.80	115.30	+ 0.20	
Income Inc	145.00	155.10	+ 1.40	4.67
(Accum Units)	156.50	167.40	+ 1.40	4.67
International	290.20	310.40	+ 3.50	0.22
Intl Income	77.67	82.34	+ 0.74	4.12
Japan & General	357.80	380.50	- 1.10	
Korean Securities	64.90	69.41	+ 0.05	..
Smlr Cos Div Inc	41.34	44.22	+ 0.08	5.43
UK Capital Inc	155.30	166.10	+ 0.50	1.40
UK Capital Acc	271.50	290.40	+ 0.80	1.40
UK Spec Sits	76.19	81.49	+ 0.23	0.75
US & General	135.60	144.20	+ 2.00	
Wwide Spec Sits	131.10	140.20	+ 1.10	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.48	48.70	+ 0.53	2.57
Cash Trust	137.11	137.11	+ 0.05	5.60
Practical Inv Inc #	108.99	116.57	- 0.50	3.40
(Accum Units) #	249.15	266.47	+ 1.11	3.40
UK Index	142.76	144.20	+ 1.45	3.42
UK Smaller Cos	114.43	122.39	- 0.56	1.10
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.05	25.72	+ 0.01	9.10
High Income	31.52	33.71	+ 0.19	5.40
UK Equity Income	126.35	135.13	+ 0.68	3.69
Global Bond	27.94	28.96	+ 0.12	5.35
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	41.46	44.34	+ 1.25	
Global Inc & Gth	124.47	132.51	+ 1.60	2.33
Gold & Intl Res	65.79	70.45	- 1.75	
Global Utilities	119.74	126.46	+ 1.64	1.42
Overseas Funds				
American	140.87	150.21	+ 1.89	1.23
European	95.44	101.24	+ 1.43	1.43
Euro Sel Opps	137.95	146.70	+ 1.81	
Amer Emerging	97.98	104.79	+ 1.45	
Hong Kong	129.62	139.06	+ 3.89	1.77
Japan	214.03	227.44	+ 2.04	
Pacific Growth	199.26	213.11	+ 1.25	1.44
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	204.74	204.74	+ 2.04	2.29
Long Term Bal	224.21	224.21	+ 1.92	3.34
Med Term Bal	192.43	192.43	+ 0.99	3.80
UK Equity	235.51	235.51	+ 2.59	2.71
UK Emerging Cos	132.41	132.41	- 0.72	2.41
American	232.90	232.90	+ 3.06	1.62
Japan	106.26	106.26	+ 2.57	
European	248.10	248.10	+ 3.89	1.48
Index Linked Gilt	167.06	167.06	- 0.03	3.00
Fixed Interest	155.59	155.59	+ 0.14	8.75
Amer Emerging	251.26	251.26	+ 3.38	0.16
Pacific	215.55	215.55	+ 2.40	0.97
Emerging Mkts	112.16	112.16	- 2.99	0.93
Index Strat Japan	138.52	138.52	+ 1.50	0.32
-do- Pacific Rim	169.69	169.69	+ 2.46	1.44
-do- Cont Europe	143.47	143.47	+ 1.95	2.07
Index Strat USA	133.81	133.81	+ 1.67	2.31
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	96.55	102.71	+ 1.02	
Med Term Bal	91.49	97.33	+ 0.51	
Long Term Bal	100.79	107.22	+ 0.92	
UK Equity	108.91	115.87	+ 1.28	
UK Emerging Cos	82.08	86.04	+ 0.36	
American	107.99	114.88	+ 1.51	
Japan	51.03	54.29	+ 1.32	
European	103.37	109.97	+ 1.72	
Fixed Interest	78.71	83.73	+ 0.07	
Index Linked Gilt	74.19	78.92	+ 0.01	
Deposit	80.68	85.83	+ 0.12	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inv Gwth	107.50	114.40	- 0.50	
Berkeley Income #	107.00	113.80	- 0.30	3.96
BWH Intl	127.77	134.49	- 0.79	0.63
Brdhll Gth Port Inc	58.17	61.38	- 0.19	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.57	57.59	- 0.12	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	49.65	52.40	- 0.28	0.10
Shaw Utilities	50.75	53.56	- 0.16	3.23
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	532.95	566.33		1.85
(Accum Units)	581.82	618.74		1.86
European Inc	137.82	146.62		1.11
Amelgam Inc	137.25	145.10		
N America Inc	317.60	337.87		
Far East Inc	301.23	320.46		
(Accum Units)	311.98	331.89		
UK Divid Inc	165.97	176.50		1.73
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	84.00	89.84	+ 0.69	4.93
UK Small Cos	45.40	48.56	+ 0.10	1.02
British Growth	53.67	57.40	+ 0.55	2.61
American Gwth	170.56	182.42	- 4.48	
Japan Gwth	63.86	68.28	- 0.49	
Greater China	174.78	186.91	+ 2.96	..
Pacific Strategy	143.27	153.23	+ 1.52	
European Gwth	81.94	87.30	+ 1.14	0.29
Intl Growth	139.41	149.11	+ 1.68	
US Index (£)	13.89	14.42	+ 2.08	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	71.07	76.87	- 0.47	2.48
Monthly Income	36.08	38.59	+ 0.21	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Cnt UK Index (£)	10.48	11.06	+ 0.20	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	81.96	87.19		1.76
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9988				
Cash	138.50	138.50	+ 0.10	4.72
European	454.50	485.50	+ 7.50	0.16
Gilt & Fixed	124.10	131.80	+ 0.10	5.77
Growth Equity	317.60	339.30	- 3.00	2.02
Income Trust	125.00	133.50	+ 0.70	3.09
International	169.90	181.50	+ 2.40	0.17
Japan Trust	115.90	123.80	+ 1.20	
Nth American	258.40	276.00	- 3.10	0.20
Pacific	506.70	541.30	+ 8.50	0.02
Guardhill	478.70	511.40	+ 5.60	1.96
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	95.48	99.09	- 0.01	7.44
Global High Inc	94.83	98.42	+ 0.91	6.84
Prime Fixed Int	101.42	105.26	+ 0.31	7.98
Eqty & Bond Inc	99.43	105.72	+ 0.97	5.37
European Growth	94.79	100.78	+ 0.25	
Intl PEP Trust	56.70	60.28	+ 0.01	
High Income	115.59	122.90	+ 0.55	4.23
-do- Accum	159.60	169.06	+ 0.75	4.23
Recovery	346.50	368.50	- 0.20	1.92
(Accum Units)	397.80	423.00	- 0.20	1.92
St Vinc High Inc	117.94	119.70	+ 0.35	7.30
UK Emerg Cos	231.60	246.30		2.08
UK Smlr Cos	325.90	331.60	-15.10	2.89
Glob Prov Tst	85.71	91.13	- 0.14	7.04
(Accum Units)	86.51	91.97	- 0.15	1.04
Inc Share Tst	81.93	87.11	- 2.00	6.80
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing 0171 220 5050				
Growth	25.06	26.57	+ 0.21	1.77
Growth Acc	25.06	26.57	+ 0.21	1.77
Income	25.07	26.58	+ 0.18	4.06
Income Acc	25.07	26.58	+ 0.18	4.06
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
Model Ptflo	195.30	207.20	+ 2.08	2.50
Smaller Cos	29.60	31.49		0.92
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 253 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	286.78	308.84	+ 4.11	1.48
Best of British	82.47	88.33	+ 0.85	2.79
UK Smaller Cos	116.34	125.06	+ 1.10	1.94
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	352.57	384.95	+ 2.47	3.81
(Accum Units)	719.26	765.97	+ 6.82	3.81

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income #	299.72	320.79	+ 2.50	4.49
Extra Income #	265.08	280.90	+ 2.14	6.06
Pref & Gilt	45.83	49.26	- 0.04	8.99
International				
International	244.70	260.50	+ 4.00	0.80
Global Bond	51.84	54.82	- 0.15	6.21
Intl Port Tst	78.09	81.37	- 0.36	0.16
Global Tech	156.34	167.19	- 1.63	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	162.12	173.41	+ 1.66	0.44
European	444.17	470.94	+ 5.51	0.77
European Income	77.27	81.75	- 0.66	3.01
Euro Smlr Cos	143.71	154.19	- 0.87	0.02
Eur Sp Sits	65.32	69.47	+ 0.76	0.53
(Accum Units)	69.97	74.42	+ 0.82	0.53
Japan Trust	185.36	197.33	+ 3.94	
Japan Special Sits	197.14	210.02	+ 2.00	
Pacific Smlr Cos	217.15	232.34	+ 1.63	
North American	233.16	248.02	+ 3.15	0.26
American Smlr Cos	103.66	110.80	+ 0.33	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth				
Eur Sp Sits	56.20	59.66	+ 0.64	
General Growth	42.49	45.03	+ 0.41	
Income Growth	41.17	43.64	+ 0.34	
Japan Growth				
Smaller Cos				
Special Opps				
Wwide Sp Sits	44.62	47.21	+ 0.71	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	95.24	99.77	- 0.78	2.15
Capital	164.40	172.10	- 1.00	1.66
Dollar	347.00	363.90	- 4.80	0.15
Enterprise Gth	308.70	323.20	+ 1.30	1.92
European	212.00	221.90	- 2.70	0.71
Far East	287.90	301.40	+ 3.00	0.48
Financial	772.00	808.30	-10.40	1.81
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.15	26.15	- 0.12	7.53
High Yield	99.53	104.20	- 0.70	4.18
Income & Growth	138.40	144.80	+ 1.30	3.49
International	239.00	250.20	+ 2.10	0.05
Japanese General	184.70	193.40	- 2.10	
Japan Tech	74.89	78.41	- 0.57	
Natl Resources	65.45	68.53	+ 0.14	
Portfolio	68.93	72.17	+ 0.45	1.45
Smaller Cos	120.40	125.70	+ 0.70	1.57
Special Sits	144.00	150.70	+ 1.00	1.52
UK Emerging Cos	86.18	90.24	+ 0.51	0.94
US Smaller Cos	86.18	90.24	+ 8.62	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Adviser: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	96.42	102.90	- 0.60	5.20
Capital	571.60	609.50	+ 4.30	2.48
Income #	537.70	573.30	+ 2.40	5.26
Footsie Fund	49.91	53.18	+ 0.60	2.85
Tower Index	103.10	110.00	+ 0.50	2.14
UK Index	134.00	143.00	+ 1.40	3.14
International Funds				
American Growth	478.50	510.70	+ 5.70	0.60
American Index	201.50	214.70	+ 2.60	1.18
European Growth	104.20	111.00	+ 1.90	0.34
Eurotrack 100	150.50	160.10	+ 2.70	0.89
Global Bond	20.34	21.46	+ 0.14	6.26
Japan Growth	250.40	266.80	+ 1.60	
Japan Index	73.88	78.85	+ 0.91	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	29.34	31.31	+ 0.13	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	51.52	54.98	+ 0.78	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	93.15	99.41	- 2.72	1.42
Spore & Mlysa Gth	68.71	73.33	+ 1.57	
Tiger Index	184.20	196.68	+ 2.0	1.48
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.70	29.79	+ 0.09	1.09
General Funds				
Managed	68.98	71.60	+ 0.60	1.82
Robert Child Fnd	83.29	86.45	+ 0.94	2.50
UK Growth	58.24	60.45	- 0.61	2.46
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	80.30	83.35	+ 0.51	6.87
Gilt & Fixed Int	35.61	36.39	- 0.04	8.54
UK Inc & Gwth	39.40	40.89	- 0.37	4.29
UK Income	330.70	343.20	+ 3.00	3.45
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	48.55	50.29	+ 0.47	0.45
Amer Smlr Cos	113.30	117.60	+ 1.10	
(Accum Units)	114.50	118.80	+ 1.00	
Europe Gth	144.00	149.18	+ 1.20	
(Accum Units)	148.90	154.20	+ 1.30	
Euro Smaller Cos	26.89	27.91	+ 0.13	
French Growth	75.67	78.54	+ 1.74	0.27
Accum Units	81.16	84.26	+ 1.88	0.27
H Kong & China	72.69	75.45	+ 1.56	1.87
Intl Growth	54.31	58.37	+ 0.76	0.67
(Accum Units)	54.76	56.84	+ 0.76	0.67
Japan Gth	29.48	30.57	+ 0.33	
Accum Units	29.46	30.57	+ 0.33	
Japan Smaller Cos	34.71	36.02	- 0.09	
Glob Emg Mkts	84.74	87.96	+ 1.60	
Accum Units	85.34	88.58	+ 1.61	
SE Asia	296.80	308.00	+ 3.50	0.36
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	53.52	55.14	- 0.02	6.85
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
American Cap	130.30	138.50	+ 0.60	
Income	144.13	153.33	+ 0.92	3.98
UK Growth	53.71	57.14	+ 0.53	0.61
International	70.37	74.85	+ 0.76	0.08
Ecology	76.83	81.73	+ 0.47	1.32
European	118.49	125.75	+ 0.15	
Far Eastern	262.50	279.10	+ 2.10	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.09	51.16	+ 0.39	7.53
Gilt Yield	112.68	118.80		6.74
Global Income	200.00	212.88	+ 2.10	4.25
High Yield	132.92	141.40	+ 0.85	6.25
(Accum Units)	402.80	427.70	+ 2.87	6.25
Smlr Cos Div	48.46	51.55	+ 0.33	3.25
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	87.50	93.09	+ 0.79	
North American	75.69	80.52	+ 1.15	0.16
European Special	100.90	107.30	+ 0.40	0.14
European	144.70	153.90	+ 2.00	0.39
(Accum Units)	190.00	202.10	+ 2.50	0.39
General	263.80	282.80	+ 1.70	3.21
Global Eqty Inc	97.57	103.80	+ 1.10	1.16
Japan	366.20	389.60	+ 1.80	
Japanese Special	199.18	211.80	+ 0.70	
Master Accum	224.00	238.30	+ 1.70	0.56
Pacific	300.00	319.10	+ 3.10	
(Accum Units)	351.90	374.40	+ 3.90	
Smaller Cos	102.40	108.90	- 0.50	0.63
UK Equity Growth	38.21	40.65	+ 1.13	1.60
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	58.80	62.55	+ 0.43	
Inv Trust	62.13	66.09	+ 0.42	
Cautious Inc/Gth	55.74	59.29	+ 0.40	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.75	57.18	+ 0.32	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 588 2800				
Income	547.10	558.30		6.26
Intl & General	391.80	399.60		0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	253.06	269.23	+ 1.75	5.57
Inc & Growth Inc	52.82	56.19	+ 0.41	4.82
Smaller Cos	53.35	56.76	+ 0.09	1.44
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	236.40	251.40	+ 1.30	1.97
High Income	103.20	109.70	+ 0.40	4.56
International	90.63	96.41	+ 0.87	0.64
Recovery Trust	60.98	64.88	+ 0.53	1.53
European Trust	75.90	80.74	+ 0.74	0.74
Japanese Trust	39.24	41.74	+ 0.20	
American Trust	84.01	89.37	+ 0.90	0.48
Managed	63.25	67.28	+ 0.26	0.87
Cash	50.03	50.03	+ 0.01	4.62
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 374 0918				
UK Cap	354.90	361.20	.	2.72
UK Inc/Gth	379.50	385.30		3.47
UK Income	264.20	268.70	.	4.31
UK Sm Cos	228.80	228.30		2.13
Euro Gwth	121.40	122.30		
N Amer Gwth	83.06	83.94	.	0.24
Japan Growth	58.72	60.36		
Money Mkt	123.36	123.30		1.500
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	458.90	487.60	+ 4.90	2.81
(Accum Units)	911.10	969.30	+ 9.80	2.81
Equity Income	94.56	100.60	+ 0.60	4.27
UK Tactical Allocatn	55.34	58.76	+ 0.86	3.73
European	110.60	117.70	+ 1.60	1.05
Far Eastern	196.50	209.00	+ 2.40	
Fixed Interest	50.13	53.33	- 0.15	6.32
Gilt	88.08	93.41	+ 0.09	6.53
Global Growth	67.65	71.97	+ 0.82	0.40
Intl Bond	51.18	54.36	- 0.10	5.46
Japanese	64.37	68.48	- 0.14	
North American	144.20	153.40	+ 2.10	1.08
Pacific Growth	100.70	107.10	+ 1.20	0.28
UK Index	61.21	64.60	+ 0.60	3.20
UK Recovery	87.79	93.39	+ 0.80	2.03
UK Smaller Cos	114.40	121.70	+ 0.40	1.79
US Index	80.36	85.70	+ 0.74	1.79
European Index	71.02	74.96	+ 0.97	1.75
Japan Index	38.32	40.44	+ 0.40	
Worldwide	78.84	83.98	+ 0.63	1.62
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	49.05	52.46	- 0.41	2.30
Income	56.48	60.41	- 0.02	3.07
Far East	48.31	51.67	+ 0.39	
North American	94.37	100.90	+ 1.34	
Global	86.02	92.00	+ 1.02	0.49
European	80.51	86.11	- 1.12	0.56
Japan	98.58	105.50	+ 0.10	...
Intl Currency Bd	58.84	62.56	- 0.13	3.85
SE Asia	94.55	101.10	+ 1.00	
UK Cap Growth	89.15	93.35	+ 0.41	1.53
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 330 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	336.00	357.50	+ 7.10	2.98
-do- Acc	764.30	813.10	+16.30	2.98

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Conti Euro Gth	81.67	84.90	- 0.84	1.39
-do- Acc	85.90	89.37	- 0.89	1.39
Extra Inc	245.70	261.40	- 2.30	4.38
-do- Acc	638.00	678.80	- 5.80	4.38
FTSE 100 Inc	97.66	103.90	+ 0.90	2.73
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German Gth	121.80	128.30	+ 0.40	0.15
-do- Acc	127.70	134.50	- 0.20	0.15
Growth Port	549.70	562.90	- 3.80	0.34
-do- Acc	528.30	562.10	+ 3.90	0.34
Hi Reserve Inc #	98.98	105.30	- 0.60	6.24
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Income	476.30	506.80	+ 9.90	3.86
-do- Acc	£12.79	£13.61	+26.00	3.86
Income Port	501.10	533.10	+ 1.90	3.99
-do- Acc	531.60	565.60	+ 2.00	3.99
Japan Growth	93.79	99.78	+ 0.63	
-do- Acc	93.72	99.71	+ 0.63	
Master Trust	56.83	59.46	+ 0.27	1.47
-do- Acc	62.38	66.37	+ 0.30	1.47
N American Gwr	176.40	187.70	+ 2.50	0.96
-do- Acc	203.80	216.90	+ 3.00	0.96
Nthn Sm Co Rec	137.10	145.90	+ 1.30	
-do- Acc	139.50	148.50	+ 1.30	
Pacific Basin	228.10	240.60	+ 3.10	0.90
-do- Acc	240.30	256.70	+ 3.40	0.90
Small Cos Rec	342.20	360.30	+ 0.70	2.21
-do- Acc	457.60	481.70	+ 0.80	2.21
UK Growth	82.15	87.40	+ 0.65	2.70
-do- Acc	99.87	106.30	- 0.80	2.70
Worldwide Gth	291.10	309.70	+ 3.40	0.70
-do- Acc	429.40	456.90	+ 5.00	0.70
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	64.74	68.45	+ 0.86	0.10
General	83.74	88.85	- 0.90	2.50
Income	61.46	65.94	+ 0.40	5.60
International	59.72	64.02	+ 0.73	0.50
Japan	52.53	56.35	+ 0.60	
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.33	67.95	- 0.45	1.40
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	383.40	405.40	+ 5.70	0.64
(Accum Units)	477.70	505.20	+ 7.10	0.64
Amer Recovery	438.80	464.00	+ 4.70	0.55
(Accum Units)	503.50	532.40	+ 5.30	0.55
Amer Smlr Cos	129.70	136.60	+ 0.70	
(Accum Units)	132.00	139.50	+ 0.70	
Australasian	140.80	148.90	+ 0.70	2.29
(Accum Units)	172.20	182.10	+ 0.80	2.29
Capital	798.70	844.60	+ 5.80	2.82
(Accum Units)	916.50	969.10	+ 6.70	2.82
Charifund	671.40	678.20	+ 6.90	5.84
(Accum Units)	£31.34	£31.65	+32.30	5.84
Commodity	362.60	383.50	+ 3.80	0.48
(Accum Units)	532.40	563.00	+ 5.60	0.48
Compound Gth	919.10	972.00	+ 7.50	3.20
(Accum Units)	983.40	£10.18	- 7.90	3.20
Dividend	39.20	41.50	+ 0.40	4.45
(Accum Units)	164.60	174.10	+ 1.20	4.45
Equity Income	325.70	344.00	+ 1.40	5.09
(Accum Units)	422.60	446.90	+ 1.90	5.09
Euro & General	470.00	497.00	+ 2.10	1.32
(Accum Units)	594.50	628.70	+ 2.60	1.32
Euro Dividend	66.80	70.60	+ 0.20	3.25
(Accum Units)	80.40	85.00	+ 0.30	3.25
Extra Yield	399.70	422.70	+ 3.60	5.02
(Accum Units)	£12.63	£13.35	+11.40	5.02
Far Eastern	320.80	339.20	+ 2.90	0.93
(Accum Units)	425.80	450.20	+ 3.80	0.93
Fund of Inv Tsts	593.50	627.60	+ 4.90	2.23
(Accum Units)	£11.08	£11.72	+ 9.10	2.23
General	58.50	61.90	- 0.60	4.01
(Accum Units)	164.50	174.00	- 1.60	4.01
Gilt Income	58.73	58.84	+ 0.08	8.03
(Accum Units)	163.53	163.83	- 0.20	8.03
Gold	57.90	61.20	- 0.50	1.20
(Accum Units)	68.40	72.30	- 0.60	1.20
High Income	27.68	29.20	- 0.20	4.96
(Accum Units)	110.70	117.20	- 0.80	4.96
Intl Growth	70.80	75.00	+ 0.80	1.21
(Accum Units)	123.70	130.90	+ 1.40	1.21
International Inc	94.20	99.60	- 0.60	4.94
(Accum Units)	139.60	147.80	+ 0.80	4.94
Japan & Gen	40.30	42.50	+ 0.60	
(Accum Units)	43.20	45.60	+ 0.60	
Japan Smlr Cos	140.20	148.30	+ 0.20	
(Accum Units)	141.20	149.40	+ 0.20	
Managed Income	38.40	27.70	- 0.10	4.02
Midland	58.60	62.00	- 0.20	3.44
(Accum Units)	195.80	207.20	- 0.70	3.44
Pension Ex	912.30	935.20	+ 8.70	4.45
Recovery	39.80	42.10	- 0.20	2.76
(Accum Units)	65.30	69.20	- 0.40	2.76
Second General	65.80	69.60	+ 0.30	3.84
(Accum Units)	178.90	189.80	+ 1.00	3.84
Smaller Cos	64.70	68.40	+ 0.10	3.35
(Accum Units)	129.00	136.40	+ 0.20	3.35
Sterling Hi Int	23.82	23.97	+ 0.05	8.70
Treasury	25.02	25.06	+ 0.01	6.24
Trustee	39.80	42.10	+ 0.20	4.59
(Accum Units)	160.30	169.80	+ 0.90	4.59
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	77.23	82.15	+ 1.16	1.54
Intl Bond	63.21	66.43	+ 0.16	5.83
Intl Equity Growth	67.68	71.98	+ 0.93	0.84
N Amer Growth	94.81	100.86	+ 1.47	1.05
Special Sits Growth	20.51	21.81	+ 0.15	2.11
UK Growth	361.30	384.30	+ 3.90	3.02
(Accum Units)	471.30	501.30	+ 5.10	3.02
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01920 825 857				
Balanced Fd #	£12.62	£12.88		3.40
Income #	947.20	962.60		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.80		4.37
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	193.10	206.50	+ 2.00	2.58
Gilt & Fxd Int	165.60	174.40	+ 0.30	6.78
Intl Growth	197.10	209.70	- 2.30	0.37
North American	181.30	193.50	+ 3.00	0.84
Far East	251.40	268.90	+ 3.10	1.45
UK Smaller Cos	164.10	175.50	+ 0.70	1.89
European	75.85	80.83	+ 0.93	0.23
Japanese Growth	44.04	46.90	+ 0.44	
High Income	181.10	193.70	+ 2.00	4.43
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	148.70	154.40	+ 0.78	2.36
-do- Accum	168.80	177.70	+ 0.78	2.36
UK Sel Ptflo	126.50	133.10	+ 0.76	2.57
-do- Accum	147.00	154.70	+ 0.78	2.57
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	65.54	69.72		3.95
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4648				
Intl Income	68.75	72.98	+ 0.55	4.55
European	77.03	81.77	+ 0.23	0.41
Income #	71.63	76.04	+ 0.45	5.05
Nth American	62.37	66.21	+ 0.54	0.56
Far East	153.20	162.60	+ 1.60	
Japan	49.36	52.40	+ 0.57	..
Emrging Mkts	84.53	90.41	+ 3.47	
Intl Growth	102.10	108.40	- 1.20	0.64
UK Growth	87.58	92.97	+ 0.54	1.14
UK Smlr Co	43.69	46.38	+ 0.05	1.17
Asian Opps Fd	35.45	37.91	+ 1.32	0.36
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	401.45	427.09	+ 3.78	4.18
Global Inc	65.91	70.12	+ 0.59	2.85
Brit Leader	341.85	363.67	+ 3.29	2.49
Intl Leaders	197.33	209.93	+ 2.42	0.78
PAM Mg Bal Gth	58.88	61.15	- 0.24	0.88
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	199.10	211.10	+1.900	.
(Accum Units)	212.80	225.60	+2.000	.
American Opps	87.98	93.82	+0.900	
(Accum Units)	89.06	95.00	-0.920	
British Blue Chip	76.30	81.13	+0.060	2.96
(Accum Units)	94.71	100.70	+0.750	2.96
Cash	100.90	100.90	+0.100	5.83
(Accum Units)	138.80	138.80	+0.100	5.83
Emerging Mkts	80.54	87.35	+2.100	0.15
(Accum Units)	90.53	97.45	+2.120	0.15
European Growth	235.30	249.20	+3.400	0.18
(Accum Units)	269.70	289.80	+3.800	0.18
European Income	80.56	85.14	+1.070	3.37
(Accum Units)	108.50	114.60	+1.500	3.37
General	477.70	509.00	+3.600	2.43
(Accum Units)	947.40	1009	+7.000	2.43
Global Bond	123.10	129.30	- 0.20	5.36
(Accum Units)	151.70	159.40	- 0.20	5.36
Gold & General	182.30	196.00	- 1.00	0.46
(Accum Units)	187.10	201.20	- 1.00	0.46
Govt Securities	89.49	92.27	+0.050	5.94
(Accum Units)	174.30	179.60	+0.100	5.94
Income	144.40	153.60	+1.300	4.62
(Accum Units)	227.80	242.30	+2.000	4.62
Inc Portfolio #	92.61	98.30	+0.700	5.34
(Accum Units) #	94.74	100.50	+0.740	5.34
Intl Opps	431.00	458.10	+3.400	0.19
(Accum Units)	575.70	611.90	+4.900	0.19
Japan	151.20	160.20	+0.700	
(Accum Units)	155.20	164.60	+0.800	
New Europe	168.30	177.40	+1.700	1.13
(Accum Units)	171.40	182.80	+1.800	1.13
Pacific	108.30	115.60	+1.100	0.88
(Accum Units)	115.80	123.50	+1.000	0.88
Recovery	275.30	293.70	+0.300	0.88
(Accum Units)	351.30	374.70	+0.300	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	51.42	54.85	+0.140	0.94
(Accum Units)	58.21	62.09	+0.160	0.94
Portfolio	76.21	80.98	+0.640	2.85
(Accum Units)	90.90	96.59	+0.770	2.85
Managed Gth	93.17	97.56	+0.610	1.95
Managed Inc	96.86	103.70	+0.600	4.34
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Euroglowth Plus	110.53	117.59	+ 1.35	0.81
Portfolio	63.84	67.91	+ 0.74	0.57
UK Income Inc	72.19	76.80	+ 0.69	4.88
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	58.79	61.56	- 0.35	3.25
(Accum Units)	61.84	64.75	+ 0.39	3.25
British Tst	81.52	85.36	+ 0.95	2.19
(Accum Units)	95.68	100.10	+ 1.04	2.19
Extra High Inc	65.54	68.63	+ 0.31	6.53
(Accum Units)	126.80	132.70	+ 0.50	6.53

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FT-SE 100 Acc	53.58	56.10	- 0.64	2.70
FT-SE 100 Dist	52.75	55.24	- 0.62	2.71
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.00	55.15	- 3.42	6.93
(Accum Units)	155.40	161.70	- 0.13	6.98
High Yield	212.40	222.40	- 1.10	5.52
(Accum Units)	532.10	557.10	- 2.50	5.52
Income	273.40	286.30	- 1.90	3.74
(Accum Units)	603.20	631.60	- 4.20	3.74
Money Market UT	49.55	49.55	- 0.02	5.44
(Accum Units)	77.93	77.93	- 0.04	5.44
Monthly Income	81.81	85.67	+ 0.58	5.21
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	99.92	106.30	+ 1.30	1.85
European Growth	96.53	102.70	- 1.72	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	84.77	89.94	+ 0.05	6.11
Income	81.96	87.19	- 0.61	2.93
Japan Growth	47.26	50.10	- 0.12	
Managed	67.34	71.64	- 0.47	2.85
Money Market	87.28	92.51	+ 0.05	4.34
North American	85.71	90.85	- 0.23	0.43
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	90.73	96.52	+ 1.15	1.83
European Growth	90.83	96.25	- 1.54	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	80.75	85.67	+ 0.04	6.14
Income	80.51	85.65	- 0.59	2.92
Japan Growth	47.19	50.03	- 0.12	
Managed	64.49	68.51	- 0.23	2.43
Money Market	80.69	85.53	+ 0.05	4.32
North American	79.13	83.87	- 0.13	0.59
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	90.61	96.39	+ 1.14	1.85
European Growth	88.65	93.97	- 1.51	
Gilt & Fixed Int	73.85	78.34	+ 0.05	6.37
Income	79.42	84.49	- 0.58	3.02
Japan Growth	48.30	51.20	- 0.12	
Managed	67.13	71.42	- 0.41	2.63
Money Market	75.09	79.60	+ 0.04	4.37
North American	86.41	91.60	- 0.23	0.48
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.18	12.69		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	336.70	357.50	+ 5.20	
European Gth Inc	396.30	425.90	+ 5.40	0.21
(Accum Units)	400.60	430.50	+ 5.50	0.21
Intl Gwth	182.70	194.90	+ 2.10	
UK Equity Inc	180.00	191.80	+ 1.15	3.15
UK Inc Trckr Inc	153.90	164.70	+ 1.15	3.15
(Accum Units)	182.60	195.40	+ 1.20	2.71
US Eq Inc Trk Inc	200.20	212.30	+ 2.70	1.53
Japan Tracker	70.07	74.23	+ 0.55	
Asian Tracker	192.20	207.90	+ 2.30	0.39
Managed Inc	148.80	158.70	+ 3.60	1.45
Deposit Inc	99.94	99.94	+ 0.03	5.53
Europa	167.40	180.30	+ 2.10	0.23
Genesis	147.30	161.30	- 0.60	2.32
High Income	21.76	23.09	- 0.05	10.09
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	91.63	93.53	- 0.70	2.70
Acumen Inc	86.63	88.53	- 0.66	2.71
Acumen Reserve	83.15	85.98	- 0.15	5.61
-do- Inc	71.42	72.11	- 0.14	5.61
American Growth	145.30	151.30	+ 1.52	
Cash Income	49.81	49.81	- 0.02	5.22
Equity Income #	91.75	94.31	- 0.63	4.59
European	68.57	70.31	- 0.53	0.49
Smaller Cos	74.01	77.67	- 0.39	1.45
Olympus	60.58	61.96	- 0.79	0.65
Global Bond	43.28	43.76	- 0.13	6.69
UK Growth	90.37	92.83	- 0.77	2.15
Pacific Growth	99.56	102.20	- 1.30	0.22
Japan Growth	84.85	96.33	+ 1.29	.
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 380 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	118.12	125.66	- 0.90	2.56
NSP UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	70.34	74.83	- 0.66	2.26
UK Income	105.27	111.99	+ 0.87	4.07
Higher Income	204.71	217.78	- 1.38	5.00
Smaller Cos	74.32	79.06	+ 0.05	2.38
International	92.03	97.90	+ 0.68	1.96
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	99.12	105.01	- 2.32	0.68
European Dist	106.50	113.90	- 1.70	
Far East Dist	167.10	178.70	- 2.50	
Global Care Dist	65.15	69.66	- 0.49	1.07
Osean Dist	958.70	£10.25	+16.80	0.15
(Accum Units)	£12.44	£13.30	-21.60	0.15
UK Dist	334.70	358.00	+ 6.08	2.69
(Accum Units)	656.60	702.20	+ 6.80	2.68
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.89	79.03	- 0.52	4.16
Wwide Dist	99.66	106.59	- 1.18	0.21
Wwide Inc Dist	67.91	72.63	- 0.75	2.68
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	59.69	63.00	+ 0.81	0.51
Fund of Funds Inc	55.71	58.80	+ 0.43	0.88
North America Inc	49.29	52.02	+ 0.62	0.50
UK Equity Grth Inc	56.57	59.70	+ 0.47	2.09
(Accum Units)	58.71	61.96	+ 0.48	2.09
UK General Inc	55.69	58.78	+ 0.51	2.55
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	46.20	48.64	+ 0.11	7.22
UK Income Inc	55.03	58.08	+ 0.47	4.01
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	115.98	123.02	+ 0.65	5.80
Bridge Fund	80.25	85.38		2.23
Distributor	88.77	94.44	+ 0.79	3.50
Foundation	88.20	94.33	+ 0.85	3.80
General	173.76	184.86	+ 1.13	2.29
Global	302.66	321.98	+ 2.47	0.79
Growth	119.84	127.28	+ 1.13	2.78
Higher Income Inc	25.81	27.71	+ 0.27	4.48
Income	218.64	232.60	+ 1.63	3.67
Intrepid	109.62	114.19		1.80
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	35.39	37.85	+ 0.42	0.28
Cash Income	50.78	50.78	+ 0.02	5.75
European Gwth	38.06	40.54	+ 0.42	0.21
Intl Gwth	28.14	30.09	+ 0.31	0.46
Japan Gwth	24.42	26.11	+ 0.10	
Managed Tst Inc	46.01	48.20	+ 0.15	2.36
Oriental Opps Inc	131.00	140.10	+ 1.0	0.25
Property Shares	33.18	35.48	+ 0.03	0.85
Smaller Cos	28.74	30.73	+ 0.05	1.42
UK Growth Tst	25.03	26.77	+ 0.05	2.80
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.81	73.59	+ 0.64	1.87
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.83	69.33	+ 0.65	2.96
Extmpt (P)	29.84	30.70		1.76
Germain	47.98	51.07	+ 0.17	
High Income	69.77	74.62	+ 0.59	5.04
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90		1.87
Monthly Income	74.17	79.32	+ 0.48	4.46
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	92.53	98.18		2.27
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 284				
Master Trust	117.12	123.28	+ 0.93	2.08
UK Equity	133.97	141.02	+ 1.29	3.25
UK Equity Income	128.13	134.87	+ 1.24	3.47
UK Smaller Cos	110.28	116.08	+ 0.38	1.86
UK Equity Growth	125.11	131.70	+ 1.22	2.51
UK Index Trckg	135.34	142.46	+ 1.25	3.72
Intl Index Trckg	138.17	145.44	+ 1.79	1.24
International	223.27	235.02	+ 2.34	0.51
European	188.30	198.21	+ 2.26	0.68
Pan European	125.53	132.14	+ 1.71	1.50
Nth American	171.25	180.26	+ 1.57	0.16
N Amer Smlr Cos	182.86	192.48	+ 1.35	..
Japanese	84.99	89.48	+ 1.10	..
Pacific	212.52	223.71	+ 1.99	0.36
South East Asian	235.58	247.98	+ 2.89	0.53
Intl Bond	132.30	139.26	- 0.34	4.44
Gilt & Convertible	102.20	107.58	- 0.02	6.43
Property	82.20	86.53	+ 0.05	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	232.50	249.70	+ 2.20	0.09
(Accum Units)	246.00	264.10	+ 2.30	0.09
Japan Inc	101.30	108.20	+ 0.20	.
Nth American Inc	103.40	110.80	+ 0.70	0.47
Worldwide Inc	146.00	157.30	+ 1.50	0.95
Hong Kong Inc	131.40	141.20	+ 3.90	1.03
Swiss Equities Inc	67.62	72.43	+ 0.64	
Wwide Bond Inc Inc	58.64	62.09	+ 0.15	5.63
Emging Asia Inc	201.50	218.50	- 0.20	
(Accum Units)	202.30	219.40	+ 0.30	..
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.34	50.34	+ 0.02	6.14
Thailand Inc	150.10	161.50	+ 0.10	1.00
Gold Trust Inc	65.75	71.37	- 0.69	0.82
New Zealand Inc	84.36	90.82	+ 1.11	1.56
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	58.68	63.03	+ 0.48	1.22
Latin Am Crop Inc	48.96	54.16	+ 2.75	
UK All Sh Idx Inc	56.10	60.25	+ 0.59	2.31
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	72.28	77.30	- 0.40	. .
Global Portfolio	64.64	69.13	- 0.32	
Global Opps	61.97	66.28	- 0.45	
Marsh Global Gth	60.26	63.90	+ 0.56	
AAM Global Equity	51.37	54.45	- 0.27	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	88.94	93.52	+ 0.76	
Temple Equity Inc	41.98	45.81	+ 0.44	2.76
Harlow Growth	69.86	74.06	- 0.50	0.39
Intl Growth Inc	82.64	88.38	- 0.16	0.29
IPS Portfolio Inc	75.39	80.63	- 0.41	.
St Jas Mn Inc Inc	47.12	49.02	- 0.04	
Premier Pedris Inc	63.54	67.96	+ 0.22	1.96
Rawburgh Strat Gth	67.60	72.30	- 0.01	0.35
Tech Analysis	95.72	101.40	+ 0.80	
Rosebery Growth	43.02	47.02	- 0.39	0.37
Intercontinental Strat	72.57	77.61	- 0.39	.
UFC Ind-Act Gth	50.66	54.66	- 0.33	...
Coverdale Topsat	45.88	49.38	- 0.23	.
Pharm Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.82	46.97	+ 0.35	1.07
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	234.70	249.80	+ 2.50	2.73
(Accum Units)	495.30	526.90	+ 5.20	2.78
Growth	152.40	160.40	+ 1.00	2.80
Income	231.60	246.30	+ 2.40	3.89
Intl Equity	240.30	256.80	+ 3.10	1.23
(Accum Units)	265.60	283.50	+ 3.50	1.23
UK Income	83.82	87.89	+ 0.56	3.48
UK Intl 25	77.31	82.24	+ 0.82	2.41
New Europe	73.82	78.63	+ 1.15	0.76
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	556.48	594.10	+ 3.82	0.71
(Accum Units)	556.06	594.72	+ 3.83	0.71
Income	351.27	375.69	+ 0.62	3.39
Wwide Recovery	356.77	381.58	+ 4.20	0.71
Amer Growth Inc	218.14	233.31	+ 1.39	0.01
(Accum Units)	218.14	233.31	+ 1.39	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	222.36	237.82	+ 2.29	0.22
Far Esn Gth Inc	249.81	267.18	+ 1.92	0.46
(Accum Units)	249.81	267.18	+ 1.92	0.46
Euro Gwth Inc	136.77	146.28	- 0.24	0.94
(Accum Units)	137.12	146.66	- 0.24	0.94
UK Growth Inc	87.28	93.35	+ 0.08	2.77
(Accum Units)	91.76	98.17	+ 0.08	2.77
High Income	93.27	99.76	+ 0.19	4.18
Jap Gwth Inc	187.78	200.81	+ 1.84	0.01
(Accum Units)	187.78	218.61	+ 1.84	0.01
PEP Growth	112.31	120.12	- 0.81	1.15
Asian Sit Mkts Inc	112.98	120.84	- 0.59	0.01
(Accum Units)	112.98	120.84	- 0.59	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	126.04	134.81	+ 0.62	0.01
(Accum Units)	126.04	134.81	- 0.62	0.01
Global Bond	53.60	56.46	+ 0.24	6.08
UK Smaller Cos Inc	77.13	82.58	+ 0.20	1.63
(Accum Units)	80.12	85.78	+ 0.20	1.63
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	94.86	100.70	- 0.11	...
European	66.66	69.85	- 0.88	
Global	56.80	60.43	- 0.80	
Pacific	51.86	55.17	- 0.62	
UK Inc & Grth	81.82	85.77	+ 0.02	1.53
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
0116 2550 540				
BRI Director Dlgs	87.81	93.52	- 0.03	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	146.95	156.16	- 3.29	0.11
Emerg Mkts	42.00	44.77	+ 0.09	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	58.53	62.04	+ 0.25	2.68
Growth Income	61.14	64.80	+ 0.35	2.29
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	128.43	136.63	+ 0.05	1.73

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	89.06	94.74	- 1.11	3.66
Conv & G.E	107.50	114.40	- 2.10	6.46
European Income	70.24	74.72	- 0.85	3.00
Extra Income	145.00	154.30	- 1.00	3.86
(Accum Units)	177.60	189.00	- 1.30	3.86
Far East	345.10	367.20	+ 2.50	0.08
(Accum Units)	351.60	374.10	- 2.60	0.08
Global Income	24.04	25.57	- 0.14	4.70
High Income	112.30	119.50	- 2.40	3.57
(Accum Units)	132.30	141.80	+ 2.80	3.57
International	185.10	196.90	- 3.00	0.67
(Accum Units)	190.70	202.90	+ 3.10	0.67
Pref & Fxd Int	43.25	46.01	- 0.16	7.88
Recovery	70.16	74.64	- 0.31	2.82
Special Sits	103.90	110.50	- 0.50	1.11
(Accum Units)	112.50	119.60	- 0.60	1.11
Technology	391.90	416.90	- 6.70	.
UK Blue Chip	67.32	71.62	- 0.72	2.58
(Accum Units)	75.29	80.09	- 0.80	2.58
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3993				
Equity Gth	172.60	183.60	+ 0.50	1.81
European Gr	92.83	98.51	+ 0.46	0.50
Income & Gth #	131.30	139.70	+ 1.0	3.18
Japan Gth	105.70	112.30	- 0.30	
Nth Amer Gth	123.90	131.70	- 1.30	0.19
Overseas Gth	86.52	92.04	- 0.80	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4480				
Managed Tst	35.85	37.15	- 0.34	1.67
Cash Hsweh Inc	101.31	101.81	+ 0.03	5.11
Cash Hsweh Acc	111.80	112.34	+ 0.04	5.11
Dist Trust Inc	94.32	97.74	- 0.50	6.28
Dist Trust Acc	97.55	101.08	- 0.52	6.28
Global Growth	85.35	91.86	- 0.87	1.22
Equity Inc	79.52	84.59	+ 0.68	3.66
Equity	708.92	752.04	- 7.29	2.41
European	203.25	216.62	- 3.16	1.00
High Income	85.56	90.70	- 0.47	5.15
Intl Bdh	176.08	187.27	- 2.30	0.84
Intl Sm Co	73.02	77.68	- 1.01	0.50
Japanese	195.65	207.74	- 1.30	
New Amer	163.73	174.83	- 2.31	1.75
Pacific Mkt	97.40	100.97	+ 1.64	0.55
Premier Inc	47.03	49.94	- 0.08	6.75
Smr Cos	93.43	98.75	- 0.32	1.48
Spec Sits	105.35	112.05	- 0.67	2.52
UK Growth	119.50	126.12	- 1.21	2.28
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	294.70	312.60	+ 2.60	3.28
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	512.89	545.77	+ 7.02	0.66
FA America (Acc)	599.63	638.06	+ 8.21	0.66
FA UK Equity Inc	155.12	165.56	- 1.67	3.73
FA Japan	235.45	250.41	+ 1.76	
FA Mjor Uk Cos	93.64	100.15	- 1.03	5.51
FA Smlr UK Cos	276.94	302.27	+ 1.70	1.38
FA European	202.11	221.23	+ 1.48	0.68
FA Amer Smlr Cos	44.24	47.40	+ 0.50	0.19
FA Asia	45.61	49.09	+ 0.70	0.10
FA Jap Smlr Cos	40.67	43.54	- 0.21	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	95.56	100.58	+ 1.03	
UK Smlr Cos	80.20	84.41	+ 0.48	
UK Income	94.21	99.16	+ 1.00	
America	103.06	108.48	+ 1.39	
Japanese	51.79	54.51	+ 0.39	
European	97.10	102.20	+ 0.47	
Gilt	87.05	91.63	+ 0.09	
Deposit	83.97	88.39	- 0.05	
Managed	96.08	101.13	- 0.99	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	93.03	97.92	- 1.00	
UK Smaller Cos	78.32	82.43	- 0.46	
UK Income	91.91	96.74	+ 0.98	
America	100.29	105.56	+ 1.36	
Japanese	50.39	53.04	+ 0.38	
European	94.58	99.56	+ 0.48	
Gilt	85.06	90.58	+ 0.08	
Deposit	80.02	84.23	+ 0.04	
Managed	89.86	94.58	+ 0.08	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	79.40	84.82	+ 0.48	0.22
Pacific Basin	69.04	74.40	+ 0.84	
High Inc Dist	128.40	137.30	+ 1.10	5.17
Ryl Life Intl Chrty	56.55	60.10	+ 0.31	4.02
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	63.25	67.51	+ 0.74	0.029
Ryl Life Intl Spec	58.45	62.17	+ 0.42	
UK Emerging Cos	119.50	129.10	+ 0.50	1.19
UK Index Trckg	158.70	169.10	+ 4.50	3.37
European	121.90	130.90	+ 1.20	0.29
Managed	140.90	151.40	+ 1.20	0.78
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	145.20	153.60		0.42
European Growth	105.50	111.50		1.24
Far East Growth	122.30	130.00		0.70
Japan Growth	122.40	130.00	..	
Special Sits	183.30	194.90	..	1.61
UK Growth	74.74	79.51		2.59
Tdios General	224.60	239.00		0.93
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	147.90	158.50	+ 1.30	0.68
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	320.80	339.58	+ 2.00	0.52
(Accum Units)	486.70	527.70	+ 3.10	0.52
Growth Inc	123.70	130.90	+ 0.80	0.56
(Accum Units)	126.00	133.30	+ 0.80	0.56
International	319.90	338.50	+ 2.80	0.40
(Accum Units)	438.70	464.20	+ 3.90	0.40
Nth Am & Intl Inc	309.00	327.00	+ 2.10	0.49
UK Gen Prog Inc	216.90	229.50	+ 0.70	1.09
UK High Inc Inc	128.00	135.50	+ 0.90	3.94
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	65.09	69.24	+ 1.49	
Amer Smlr Cos	77.21	82.14	+ 1.78	
Asian Gwth	103.18	109.77	+ 0.98	0.75
European Gwth	64.46	68.57	+ 0.56	1.00
Global Bd	57.94	61.25	+ 0.18	5.00
Global Eq	57.75	61.43	+ 1.14	0.50
Japanese Eq	47.33	50.34	+ 0.27	.
Japan Sm Cos	53.25	56.64	+ 0.12	.
UK Gen	49.88	53.06	+ 0.37	2.80
UK Gwth	57.56	61.22	+ 0.45	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	69.04	73.45	+ 0.71	4.06
Amer Smlr Cos	112.00	119.20	+ 0.90	.
Asian Smaller Cos	39.70	42.23	+ 0.25	
Capital Portfolio	123.80	131.80	+ 0.90	1.86
Cash	126.70	126.70	+ 0.10	5.80
China Dragon	56.78	60.40	+ 1.69	0.81
Commodity	115.60	123.00	+ 1.30	0.41
Eastern Discovery	88.18	93.81	+ 1.23	
Emerging Mkts	35.17	37.42	+ 0.48	0.42
Energy Inds	117.30	124.80	+ 1.60	0.78
European Gwth	176.50	187.80		
Euro Inc & Gwth #	73.99	78.71	+ 0.21	1.36
Euro Smlr Cos	51.77	55.07	+ 0.01	
Extra Income #	50.86	52.58	+ 0.36	5.94
Financial Secs	201.80	214.50	+ 1.80	1.63
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	46.79	49.38	+ 0.09	9.49
Gold & Exploration	67.99	72.33	- 0.26	
High Return #	221.70	235.80	+ 1.90	4.31
High Yields #	219.10	233.10	+ 1.70	4.00
Income #	115.68	123.00	+ 1.0	4.55
Intl Bond	161.60	170.60	+ 0.40	5.74
ITD	196.30	208.80	+ 1.70	1.67
Japan Growth	154.20	164.00	+ 1.60	
Japan Smaller	152.80	162.60	- 0.50	
Korea	63.63	67.69	+ 0.64	
Mastertrust	52.56	55.91	+ 0.38	1.30
Scotbits	305.80	325.10	+ 2.80	1.40
Scotshares #	286.70	305.00	+ 2.80	2.46
Scotyields #	232.90	247.80	+ 2.20	3.93
Select Intl	130.00	138.30	+ 2.10	0.16
Smaller Cos Inc #	227.20	241.70	+ 0.80	4.12
SE Asia	49.73	52.90	+ 0.77	
Special Situation	123.40	131.30	+ 1.10	0.89
UK Equity #	241.60	257.00	+ 2.40	2.91
UK Growth	63.82	67.89	- 0.62	1.88
UK & O'seas	158.70	168.80	+ 1.80	1.28
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	44.39	47.12	+ 0.11	0.96
US Growth	148.90	158.40	+ 1.70	0.45
Univ Growth	130.40	138.70	+ 1.80	0.80
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	251.31	267.35	+ 0.84	0.92
(Accum Units)	274.58	291.90	+ 0.92	0.92
European Gwth	71.06	75.38	- 0.95	0.91
Euro Smllr Cos	74.76	79.65	+ 0.60	0.38
Far Eastern Gth	89.44	95.40	+ 1.54	
(Accum Units)	91.08	97.12	+ 1.57	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	49.64	52.34	+ 0.01	7.96
Global Bond #	49.38	51.03	+ 0.15	7.06
(Accum Units) #	54.17	55.98	+ 0.16	7.06
Global Emrg Mkts	47.39	50.54	+ 0.61	
(Accum Units)	47.39	50.54	+ 0.61	.
Income #	340.76	363.47	+ 2.81	5.27
(Accum Units) #	£10.83	£11.55	+ 8.96	5.27
Japan Smllr Cos	426.03	454.43	- 1.27	
(Accum Units)	426.89	455.34	- 1.27	
Japan Enterprise	82.31	86.46	+ 0.75	
Pacific Gwth	123.42	131.64	+ 1.74	0.38
(Accum Units)	127.40	135.89	+ 1.79	0.38
Portfolio	77.77	82.95	+ 0.64	2.19
(Accum Units)	84.45	90.07	+ 0.70	2.19
Seoul	48.26	51.92	+ 0.37	
(Accum Units)	48.26	51.92	+ 0.37	
Smaller Cos	201.55	214.98	+ 0.56	1.53
Tokyo	113.54	121.10	+ 0.86	
(Accum Units)	114.68	122.32	+ 0.89	
UK Enterprise	251.06	267.78	+ 1.94	2.17
(Accum Units)	301.16	321.23	+ 2.33	2.17
UK Equity	235.13	250.80	+ 1.97	2.81
(Accum Units)	456.89	487.35	+ 3.83	2.81
US Smllr Cos	158.74	169.32	+ 0.09	
(Accum Units)	46.01	47.92	+ 0.91	0.66
Institutional Funds				
European	226.57	239.19	+ 3.58	1.30
(Accum Units)	252.05	261.87	+ 3.98	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	27.52	28.88	+ 0.09	1.70
(Accum Units)	29.19	30.49	+ 0.09	1.70
Global Equity Inc	74.32	77.41	+ 0.70	0.95
Japan Smllr Cos	35.00	36.45	- 0.13	0.28
(Accum Units)	35.27	36.73	- 0.14	0.28
Mngd Balanced	183.36	191.00	+ 1.39	2.81
(Accum Units)	206.87	215.49	+ 1.58	2.81
Overseas Equity	178.14	185.56	- 2.10	1.24
(Accum Units)	184.45	192.13	+ 2.17	1.24
Osean Smllr Cos	117.55	122.44	+ 0.49	0.76
(Accum Units)	122.78	127.89	+ 0.52	0.76
Pacific	232.70	242.39	+ 3.12	1.33
(Accum Units)	253.92	264.49	+ 3.40	1.33
Recovery	517.77	£18.61	+11.01	3.03
(Accum Units)	£18.78	£19.57	+11.64	3.03
UK Index	151.11	157.40	+ 1.52	3.52
(Accum Units)	184.34	192.02	+ 1.86	3.52
UK Small Cos	106.72	111.16	+ 0.42	2.36
(Accum Units)	114.40	119.17	+ 0.45	2.36
US Smlr Cos	45.21	47.09	+ 0.01	0.66
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.76	51.93	+ 0.32	3.91
Equity Trust	59.79	63.68	+ 0.36	3.45
Equity Strategy	69.37	73.88	+ 0.45	1.42
European Opps	81.89	87.21	+ 0.32	1.15
UK Smaller Cos	58.91	62.74	+ 0.57	1.48
Mediumm Inc	98.44	100.98	+ 0.04	6.68
Japanese	68.39	72.84	+ 0.69	
Asia Pacific	111.26	118.51	+ 1.38	1.32
American	98.83	105.32	+ 1.32	0.67
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.14	31.14	+ 0.01	5.752
UK General Inc	50.88	54.27	+ 0.53	2.84
(Accum Units)	65.34	69.69	+ 0.68	2.84
Intl Income	253.10	269.30	+ 2.60	1.01
(Accum Units)	434.60	462.40	+ 4.40	1.01
European	75.82	80.34	+ 0.89	1.47
Japan	63.71	67.53	- 0.08	0.08
American	67.32	70.97	+ 0.88	1.92
Far East	79.84	85.16	+ 0.62	0.76
Ethical Inc	28.44	30.43	+ 0.15	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.06	35.39	+ 0.36	2.96
High Inc Inc	34.91	37.24	- 0.27	3.44

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Global Inc	37.84	40.45	+ 0.42	1.52
Wwde Tact	65.85	70.37	+ 0.64	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	50.64	53.81	+ 0.43	1.51
Technology	107.75	114.75	+ 1.22	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	375.80	401.60	- 2.90	2.97
American	261.40	277.70	+ 3.00	0.56
Pacific	369.50	394.00	+ 5.40	0.08
European	536.20	573.60	+ 5.50	1.39
Worldwide	84.30	90.16	+ 0.95	0.77
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	261.70	278.50	- 2.60	2.37
(Accum Units)	330.40	351.50	- 2.60	2.37
UK Str Co Eq Inc	188.00	200.10	- 1.00	2.33
(Accum Units)	225.50	239.90	- 1.00	2.33
Select Opptny Inc	63.80	68.36	+ 0.51	2.29
Opptny Plus Inc	68.40	73.71	+ 0.63	3.95
European Inc	326.10	347.00	+ 5.70	1.24
(Accum Units)	368.50	392.10	+ 5.70	1.24
Far Eastern Inc	163.00	173.50	+ 3.30	0.83
(Accum Units)	185.60	197.50	+ 3.20	0.83
Japanese Inc	55.91	59.48	+ 0.53	
Nth American Inc	238.70	254.00	+ 2.90	0.66
(Accum Units)	262.90	279.70	+ 2.90	0.66
Intl Growth Inc	188.90	201.00	+ 2.60	0.81
Wwde Venture Inc	76.18	81.05	+ 1.01	1.93
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0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	353.80	377.40	+ 1.30	2.96
(Accum Units)	518.90	553.40	+ 1.90	2.96
UK High Inc	177.40	189.20	+ 0.80	4.02
(Accum Units)	256.10	273.20	+ 1.20	4.02
Europe Inc	338.50	361.00	- 0.70	0.76
Nth Amer Inc	217.50	231.90	+ 1.50	
Global Inc	187.90	200.40	+ 1.90	0.37
UK Spec Sits Inc	94.85	101.20	- 0.60	2.35
South East Asia	205.20	218.90	- 1.80	0.65
Cash Trust Inc	101.30	101.30	+ 0.10	5.57
UK Smlr Cos Inc	95.20	101.50	+ 0.30	2.39
(Accum Units)	97.36	103.90	+ 0.30	2.39
Intl Fixed Inc	91.47	97.11	+ 0.30	6.30
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Sector Recovery	136.00	145.00	- 1.30	4.60
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European	120.70	127.10	- 1.70	0.93
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Pooled Pension (f)	177.90	191.30		2.24
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0171 626 6226				
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European‡	120.20		+ 0.20	
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Samurai‡	54.78		- 1.64	
UK Growth‡	56.25			2.97
Tai Pan‡	96.74		- 1.45	
UK Emerg Leaders‡	98.22		- 0.11	1.41
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	306.00	325.30	- 0.20	
Canadian	63.73	67.44	- 0.92	0.92
Capital	116.10	124.30		1.73
Cash	100.11	100.11	+ 0.01	6.04
European	126.00	133.30	- 1.30	0.86
Far Eastern	137.80	145.70	- 2.40	
Growth	127.50	134.90	- 0.20	1.43
Income	119.80	126.70	+ 0.20	5.97
Magnum	124.90	133.80	- 0.10	1.73
Smlla Secs	350.30	370.60	- 0.50	1.30
Thoroughbred	144.80	155.30	+ 0.10	1.60
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cash	50.31	50.82	+ 0.03	5.40
Colmrd Prmnce	53.29	56.84	+ 0.01	8.20
Ethical	53.83	57.26	+ 0.21	2.89
European Growth	71.28	76.03	- 1.23	3.00
Income	53.20	56.75	+ 0.31	6.20
Intl Growth	95.17	101.50	+ 1.50	2.90
Managed	80.64	86.02	+ 0.91	3.80
UK Growth	60.23	64.24	+ 0.50	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	37.85	38.04	+ 0.20	1.96
Global Advtg Acc	40.58	40.79	+ 0.20	1.96
Income Advtg Inc	30.52	30.68	- 0.10	4.28
Income Advtg Acc	33.84	34.01	+ 0.10	4.28
UK Equity Gth Acc	63.25	67.05	+ 0.30	1.58
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	49.29	52.29	+ 0.20	1.73
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	35.99	38.24	+ 0.30	3.79
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	44.58	47.37	+ 0.40	3.79
UK Equity Gen Acc	60.69	64.49	+ 0.30	2.46
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.90	47.71	+ 0.20	2.46
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.54	32.30	+ 0.10	6.36
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	296.40	321.60	- 0.10	1.79
Nth American Acc	45.16	47.99	+ 0.40	0.73
Far East Acc	63.80	67.79	- 0.60	0.30
European Acc	50.35	53.50	+ 0.30	0.95
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	3.648	3.871		1.44
US Eqts (US$)	2.472	2.624	.	0.67
Far East Eqts (yen)	203.20	215.80		
Japan Eqtes (yen)	180.00	191.80		
FT Europe	123.00	130.70	..	1.52
FT N Amer (US$)	1.881	1.994		0.90
FT Japan (yen)	188.80	200.60		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.357	2.503		0.89
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	373.20	396.80	+ 4.40	
British #	956.80	£10.12	+ 2.10	3.91
Emging Mkts	130.80	139.30	+ 1.40	
European	517.70	551.30	- 1.10	0.62
Japan	131.30	139.40	+ 0.40	
New Pacific	353.80	378.40	+ 0.70	0.72
(Accum Units)	372.90	398.80	+ 0.70	0.72
Inv Trust Acc	245.00	259.70	+ 1.40	0.88
Mngd Equity	167.00	176.70	- 0.10	1.68
Mngd Cash	96.26	96.26	+ 0.04	5.47
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 399				
Equity	798.30	853.80	+ 7.80	3.71
North America	122.70	131.20	+ 1.40	0.74
Far East	133.50	142.80	+ 1.30	0.32
Wwide Bond	57.51	61.06	+ 0.15	5.04
European	97.99	104.80	+ 1.40	0.26
Equity Income	86.93	92.97	+ 0.76	4.98
Portfolio	82.35	88.08	+ 0.67	2.08
UK Leading Cos	59.80	63.79	+ 0.74	3.79
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	62.27	66.60	- 0.15	.
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
American Growth	33.51	35.84	+ 0.49	0.82
Managed Assets	123.01	131.57	+ 0.43	2.99
UK Income	40.13	42.92	+ 0.38	3.29
UK Growth	38.55	41.24	+ 0.42	2.66
Worldwide Growth	33.76	36.11	+ 0.21	1.09
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
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Uscoms	45.37	48.27	- 0.16	
Cap Protector Inc	40.83	42.81	+ 0.15	2.90
UP Income Inc	49.32	52.75	+ 0.34	3.47
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	31.79	34.00	+ 0.12	3.84
Mngd High Yld Inc	77.02	82.37	+ 0.33	4.24
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	73.09	78.17	+ 0.51	3.73
UK Smaller Cos	32.36	34.61	+ 0.15	2.04
Pacific Gth Port	44.06	47.12	+ 0.57	0.58
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	209.83	222.06	+ 3.03	.
(Accum Units)	231.12	244.57	+ 3.33	.
Brit Growth	94.14	99.61	+ 0.86	2.29
(Accum Units)	114.16	120.81	+ 1.03	2.29
European	99.82	105.42	- 0.53	0.77
(Accum Units)	105.98	112.10	- 0.56	0.77
Extra Income	185.62	196.42	+ 1.40	4.53
(Accum Units)	319.68	338.28	+ 2.40	4.53
Smaller Cos	67.28	71.20	+ 0.23	1.80
(Accum Units)	75.87	80.29	+ 0.26	1.80
General	275.44	291.47	+ 2.62	2.68
(Accum Units)	570.15	603.33	+ 5.42	2.68
Premier Income	48.28	50.30	+ 0.12	6.37
(Accum Units)	110.32	114.91	+ 0.26	6.37
Income	319.15	337.73	+ 2.37	4.04
(Accum Units)	699.78	740.51	+ 5.20	4.04
Pacific	378.25	400.28	- 0.05	.
(Accum Units)	397.45	420.58	- 0.05	
International	511.59	541.37	+ 5.25	0.39
(Accum Units)	672.71	711.86	+ 6.90	0.39
Nat Resources	144.76	153.19	+ 0.50	.
Spcl Opps	101.95	107.88	+ 0.70	1.91
(Accum Units)	130.52	138.12	+ 0.90	1.91
Environmental Inv	60.63	64.15	+ 0.53	1.96
Selector	80.07	83.57	+ 0.41	2.18
(Accum Units)	67.69	71.62	- 0.46	2.18
High Income	62.50	66.14	+ 0.43	4.89
(Accum Units)	79.62	84.26	+ 0.54	4.89
Intl Income	56.98	60.30	+ 0.34	5.34
(Accum Units)	71.46	75.62	+ 0.42	5.34
Selective Income	59.61	63.08	+ 0.38	4.85
(Accum Units)	70.01	74.08	+ 0.42	4.85
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 687 1018				
British	318.70	336.40	+ 2.50	2.83
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	191.05	204.33	+ 2.22	2.19
Glob Balncd Inc	165.01	176.48	+ 1.85	3.78
Value Tst Inc	116.50	124.60	+ 1.22	1.97
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3801				
Dresdner Eur Bd	40.12	42.17	+ 0.15	7.60
European Growth	259.26	274.76	+ 3.58	0.50
Exempt	517.58	541.31	+ 4.81	3.10
Global Em Mkts	76.10	81.17	+ 1.20	0.40
Japan Tst	71.16	75.63	+ 0.60	
Little Dragons	84.41	90.03	+ 0.97	
Nth Amer Grth	230.32	245.27	+ 2.36	0.60
Oriental Income	42.12	44.92	+ 0.43	2.50
Preference	125.82	134.56	+ 0.10	8.70
Tiger	261.01	278.41	+ 2.72	
(Accum Units)	274.21	292.49	+ 2.85	
UK Blue Chip	61.36	65.56	+ 0.83	2.00
UK Growth	498.95	531.49	+ 5.06	2.40
UK High Yield	101.20	108.23	+ 0.89	4.80
(Accum Units)	328.39	351.21	+ 2.88	4.60
UK Mid-Cap	241.88	258.69	+ 1.22	2.40
UK Smlr Cos	94.73	101.31	+ 0.22	1.20
UK Smlr Cos Dv	83.32	89.11	+ 0.25	5.40
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 330				
UK Equity Income	96.59	102.76	+ 0.73	3.21
UK Equity Growth	85.49	90.95	+ 0.63	2.56
European	67.72	72.04	+ 1.08	1.22
Nth American	69.94	74.40	+ 1.09	1.12
Far Eastern	66.03	70.24	+ 0.71	0.85
Money	67.45	67.45	+ 0.02	4.67
Fixed Interest	71.48	76.04	+ 0.06	6.59
Index Linked Gilt	65.43	69.61	+ 0.01	1.38
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	23.33	24.55	+ 0.09	
Pacific Basin	41.25	43.52	+ 0.30	
Global Bond (US$)	0.86	0.90	+0.004	
Penny Share	34.83	36.66	- 0.13	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 600 0462				
Challenger	94.72	98.90	+ 0.03	.
Short Dtd Gilt	112.10	113.80	+ 0.18	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.74	0.75		0.84
Gilt Income	49.17	51.17	+ 0.01	7.50
Gilt Growth	70.47	73.34	+ 0.03	
Cty Reserve	52.28	52.28		5.75
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	47.67	50.71	+ 0.31	1.92
UK Stockmarket	77.73	82.68	+ 0.16	2.66

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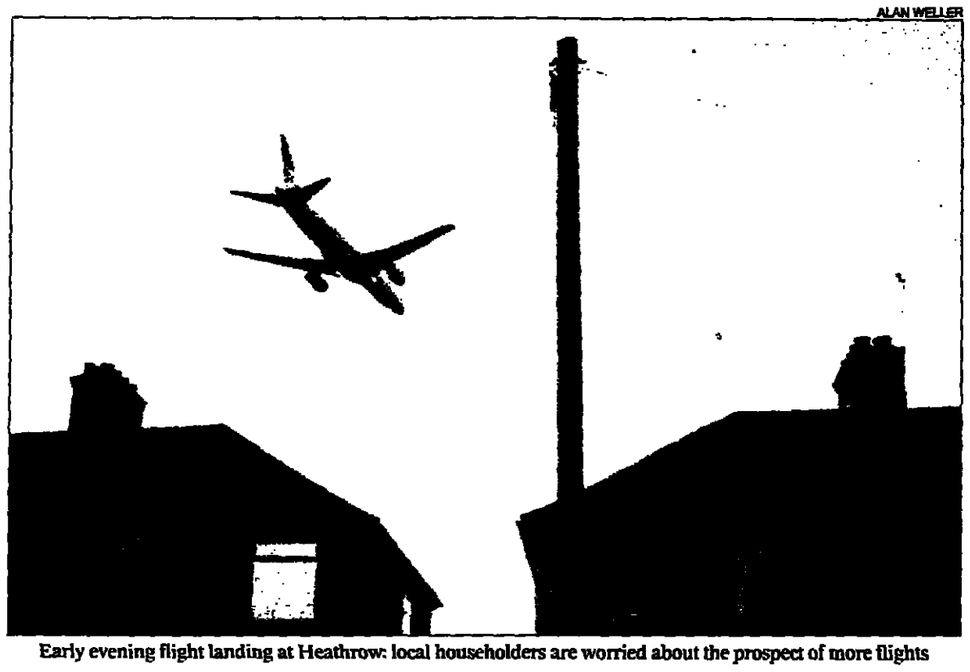
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When justice is too quiet

Richard Buxton on the difficulties faced by protesters against aircraft noise

ALAN WELLER



Early evening flight landing at Heathrow: local householders are worried about the prospect of more flights

Londoners' patience snapped recently over a Department of Transport scheme designed to allow more flights into Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted at night and in the early morning. They took the Government to court and won — twice. Consultation before the scheme, the High Court found, had been "materially misleading".

The dispute has shown the good and bad sides of our judicial review system. To their credit, the courts have come to the rescue of ordinary people (here represented by local authorities, led by Richmond). They have faced airlines wanting more flights and a determined government department required both to promote civil aviation and to protect residents from noise. But it has also shown how difficult it is to interest the courts. There have been two cases so far, and residents have meanwhile had to endure extra night flights.

In January 1993 the Government proposed that instead of the existing system of an absolute limit on numbers of flights at night, numbers would depend on the noise produced. Each aircraft type was assigned points — 1, 2, 4, 8 or 16, depending on its noise rating — which would count against an overall quota for the airport. The airlines could choose whether to use a few noisy planes or many more quieter ones.

A report about sleep disturbance had encouraged the Government to assign many "quiet" planes zero points, permitting them in unlimited numbers. But some were large jets. After an outcry, the Government agreed they should count as half a point. But since Heathrow was assigned 12,000 points for a year, this could have meant 24,000 such planes.

When the local authorities first went to court, soon after the scheme was announced, Mr Justice Laws agreed that the law required actual numbers of aircraft allowed to be specified. It was not good enough for Heathrow residents to be unsure whether there would be 24,000 "quiet" B767s or 750 "loud" Concordes in a year. The judge even worked out that half a flight was theoretically contemplated — something he said could exist only "in the pages of Lewis Carroll".

Other features of the scheme had a surreal feel about them, too. On paper, landing aircraft were made quieter than they are, so eight times more than would otherwise be the case were allowed. Most complaints about night flights relate to landings. Many breach government standards of acceptable noise levels. The Government also said that the winter night should be shorter. The restricted period for flying, which used to end at 6.30am (8am on Sundays) would henceforth end at 6. This would lead to extra "daytime" flights whose numbers were not regulated. The local authorities considered the scheme manifestly flawed, and therefore unlawful, in other ways. These included points about aircraft noise preventing sleep, the health effects of noise exposure and the proper measurement of the noise at night. But Mr Justice Laws rejected all these points. However dubious, they were about the substance of the scheme. The court would not interfere on judicial review.

The Government, having lost the case on the flight numbers point, had to devise a revised scheme. But though this capped flights to an absolute number, it was otherwise unchanged. So in April 1994 the local authorities returned to court. The Government's undoing then was that it had also said in the original consultation that the scheme would keep noise levels below those in 1988. By this time, the new scheme had been going for a winter season. Published figures showed a large increase in flights, but research showed that noise had increased. The Government replied that when it had referred to "noise in 1988", it had meant "noise theoretically permitted in summer 1988". Noise levels were still less than those permitted levels, so no promises had been broken.

More than 40 files of letters received on the original consultation showed that hardly anybody had understood this. So Mr Justice Latham considered the local authorities had been misled.

Satisfying though it was to get to the root of the matter, it took too long — because of restrictions in rights to look at the other side's papers in judicial review cases. In other litigation, "discovery" is automatic. In this case, the document that in the end gave the game away by alerting local authorities to the difference between actual and permitted levels came to light only because of the noise research.

The restricted rules on discovery are unjustified. They seem based on the notion that the Government is good and will always put its cards on the table in litigation. In a recent report on reform of judicial review, the Law Commission declined to recommend a change to the rules.

It is also unfortunate that the courts easily see complaints as points about the substance of the scheme rather than as points of law, and therefore refuse to interfere. Where scientific criticism seriously questions the rational basis of a decision, the courts should look more closely. There have to be bounds to the courts' disinterest. And, as environmental claims become more common, they will have to consider whether they can stay detached in the face of allegations of bad science. The local authorities were penalised in both cases by getting back only a proportion of their legal costs because they lost points in both cases. This puts a heavy burden on judicial review claimants, who can be both poorly funded and desperate for any way to prove unlawfulness in the way government or other authorities have acted. Claimants are also a victim of their own success: winning a case on just one point means that they cannot appeal against the points lost. The night flights saga has so far shown that justice can prevail in judicial review cases, but that cards are stacked against claimants.

A fresh consultation paper to explain what had been meant in the previous consultation has just been issued by the Government but the local authorities consider this an inadequate response.

● *The author, an independent solicitor in Cambridge, practises environmental law and has been acting for the local authorities over night flights.*

Time for our judges to rule on human rights

Tomorrow night the House of Lords will consider the report stage of the Human Rights Bill introduced by Lord Lester, QC. The purpose of the Bill is to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into United Kingdom law. As the debates on the second reading and committee stage make clear, the senior judiciary strongly supports the enactment of this Bill.

The convention was drafted by a generation which had witnessed the depths to which nations can sink when they abuse fundamental freedoms. In 1951, the United Kingdom was the first state to ratify the convention, despite the concerns of Lord Chancellor Jowitt, who wrote to a Cabinet colleague in the Labour Government that he was "not prepared to encourage our European friends to jeopardise our whole system of law ... in favour of some half-baked scheme to be administered by some unknown court".

In 1966, the Government allowed individuals to bring claims against the United Kingdom before the European Commission and the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Since then, the court has frequently found that our domestic law contravenes the rights guaranteed by the convention, as in cases concerning press freedom, mental patients, and prisoners.



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The United Kingdom is bound by its international treaty obligations to comply with the judgments of the European Court. It does so by amending domestic law whenever it has been found to be in breach of the convention, even though the Government often resents being told that its actions breach international standards of acceptable state conduct. Last month, the court held that the United Kingdom was wrong to apply with retrospective effect a law which allowed for the confiscation of the assets of a drug trafficker. David Maclean, the junior Home Office Minister, told the House of Commons that all MPs "share the indignation at the decision these jurists have reached".

If enacted, the Human Rights Bill would state that the convention is "incorporated in the law of the United Kingdom, and shall be given full legal effect". The Bill adds that "so far as the context permits, enactments (whenever passed or made) shall be construed consistently with the rights and freedoms" contained in the convention.

This would have three important consequences. It would encourage the existing tendency of the courts to seek to construe ambiguous legislation and the common law consistently with the convention. It would reverse the effect of the 1991 *Brind* decision in which the House of Lords decided that the discretionary powers of ministers need not be exercised consistently with the convention. And it would preserve the sovereign power of Parliament to enact legislation which conflicts with the United Kingdom's obligations under the convention if Parliament unambiguously stated its intention to do so.

During the second reading and committee stage debates in the House of Lords, a distinguished appeal court of judges expressed their support for Lord Lester's Bill. Lord Taylor of Gosforth (the Lord Chief Justice, who added that his views were shared by Sir Thomas Bingham, the Master of the Rolls), Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Woolf of Barnes, and Lord Lloyd of Berwick all explained the overwhelming case for incorporation of the convention.

If (as is the case) the United Kingdom is bound by the convention, and by the rulings of the court in Strasbourg, there can be no basis in principle or policy to deny British judges the power to interpret and apply its provisions. Conferring such a function on the judiciary would limit the number of occasions on which aggrieved persons would suffer the cost and delay of having to take their cases to Strasbourg; it would remove the stigma of so many cases being addressed abroad rather than at home; and it would enable British judges to play an influential role in the development of the jurisprudence of the convention.

The only judge to dissent in the House of Lords debates from such logic was Lord Donaldson, the former Master of the Rolls. In his judgment, Strasbourg "does not know best" and it was "constitutionally totally unacceptable" that "Parliament's right to govern should be restricted by the convention". But the Bill does not prevent Parliament from legislating in terms which conflict with our obligations under the convention. Moreover, as Lord Donaldson appreciated, his argument requires that the United Kingdom should "withdraw from the convention".

Countries are queueing up to join the Council of Europe. The European Commission and court have become the most sophisticated human rights tribunals in the world. The high quality of their work is admired throughout the legal world. Withdrawal from the convention is inconceivable. Parliament should take this opportunity to ensure that United Kingdom judges can make a more central contribution to the development of legal principles which are, in any event, going to have a substantial impact on our society in years to come.

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Are you going to the fair?

Who cares about the ancient fairs of Britain? These gatherings, originally annual markets, are increasingly coming to the attention of lawyers.

One of the best-known was London's Bartholomew Fair, lauded by Ben Jonson. And whatever became of Strawberry Fair, about which Simon and Garfunkel were so keen to know your intentions?

The answer is that a lot died out in the face of Britain's rush into industrialisation. A lot, but not all. And those that survived are big tourist draws. Ballymena Fair in Northern Ireland, Appleby Fair in Cumbria and Stow Fair in Gloucestershire attract tradition-hunting visitors from around the world.

The fairs started by the royal prerogative of granting charters — in effect, franchises — for them to be held in certain towns. A charter can be abolished only by order of the Home Secretary — if the owner of the franchise charter consents — or by Act of Parliament. So a fair's right to continue might seem almost guaranteed.

Not so. Local authorities like the areas under their control to be just that, and fairs, with their appeal to out-of-towners and other occasional traders, can be hard to control as tightly as councils might wish. So some councils have tried to find roundabout ways to end them.

Barnet Fair on the southern border of Hertfordshire, Horsmonden in the Weald of Kent, a little-known fair but one of the best, and even Appleby have all come under pressure. Most have become horse fairs, attended in large numbers by Gypsies, whom many councils have found the least controllable of visitors.

The travellers have turned into the defenders of these ancient events. At Barnet, Appleby and Horsmonden, they have been driven to lease land away from the high streets or village greens, where the events customarily took place, so that the fairs can continue.

Now another is in its death throes. In 1476, Edward IV granted a charter for a twice-yearly fair at Stow-on-the-Wold, the Cotswold market town. From being a general market fair held in May and October, it became, over the centuries, a horse fair dominated eventually by Gypsies, who maintain an almost hereditary love of dealing in horses, even when their huge, modern caravans have no need of them.



Gypsies at Stow Fair: holding to custom

An unconventional group has come to the aid of an old tradition

But some townspeople became annoyed by the extra traffic it generated and by the cost to the local Cotswold District Council of cleaning up litter. Though fair days became the busiest of the year for Stow, many shops would close, and hotels would put up signs stating "Residents only".

A group of Gypsies clubbed together to buy 20 acres on the edge of the town so that travellers could camp on it, do their horsedealing and set up stalls to reduce the disturbance to the town centre. With all the travellers camped on one site, the local constabulary found the fair easier to police. The land's new owners applied for permission to use it for caravans for the two or three days that Gypsies pulled on to the site. But though the council in 1991 granted temporary planning permission for the site to be used by caravans, objections by townspeople and some councillors persuaded it to refuse permanent planning permission.

The Gypsies appealed to the Secretary of State. David Baldock, the planning inspector, has now completed his inquiry. He ruled against the appeal, mainly on the ground that the fair is unsuitable for the site, an area of natural beauty, and because of fouling of the area around it and the "harmful consequences of damage, intimidation and ... possibility of crime". The land, said Mr Baldock, was "the wrong place for an intensive caravan site".

That, however, is not quite the end of the matter. The likelihood is that Gypsies will travel to Stow on the due date of the next fair, camp on roadside verges around the town and try to stage the fair in the centre. This will put the police in a quandary. They may then be reluctant to use their powers under the Public Order Act to move the Gypsies away — but if they do not, they will be damned by some local residents.

Luke Clements, a Hereford solicitor who acted in the appeal for the Gypsies, said yesterday: "The police may be tempted to use their powers under the Act to prevent Gypsies going to the town for the fair. Under sections 71 and 77, it is a criminal offence for people living in caravans to trespass or camp on the side of the highway. If they do, their trailers can be impounded and sold."

Any travellers thus made homeless might have to be accommodated by the council. At the very least, traffic in Stow will be chaotic and the council is likely afterwards to face a huge clean-up bill.

Yet the Gypsies are not without their allies. Vera Norwood, a Stow parish councillor and shopowner, said: "Many local people love the fair. If it falls away, only Appleby Fair will be left as a big Gypsy gathering where family ties can be renewed. If Stow Fair stops, we are damaging Romany culture."

DAVID ALTHEER

Committee too far

INNS AND OUTS

NOT only Labour is questioning the future of the Lord Chancellor's legal aid advisory committee under Lord Steyn. John Hayes, Law Society secretary-general, questioned its usefulness when he addressed the Lords and Commons Solicitors Group. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, created the committee as part of an arrangement to decide rights of audience to appease the judges when his legal reforms went through Parliament in 1989. It is widely disliked by the legal profession who have to submit every single rule change to its lengthy scrutiny.

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CORPORATE/INSURANCE/FSA *To £53,000*
Niche City practice, consistently rated as going from "strength to strength" seeks 3-5 year qualified corporate lawyer with financial services/banking/insurance experience. Other corporate experience advantageous. Firm offers strong client base and highly rated practitioners. Strong academics essential. Firm's fee-earners almost all have City experience. Ref: T20337

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Employment group with pre-eminent reputation seeks 3-4 year employment specialist to undertake superb calibre contentious and non-contentious work. Group's clients include large and smaller corporates. Much of the work is high profile - assistants are encouraged to use initiative. Good prospects. Premier City salary package. Ref: T20355

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COMM. PROPERTY *Cambridge* *£Market Rate*
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CORPORATE FINANCE *Bristol* *£Excellent*
Senior corporate finance associate or partner required for the Bristol presence of this major UK law firm. In addition to good City or major regional experience and a sound academic background, the right person will need to demonstrate a rapport with clients and ability to market. A following is an additional bonus. Ref: T19916

COMPANY/COMMERCIAL *Bristol* *£Competitive*
This major Bristol firm is seeking to further enhance is established company/commercial department by appointing an ambitious solicitor with circa 1-2 years' pqe. You should have gained first rate general company/commercial experience, ideally from a City firm. Excellent career prospects. Ref: T19625

EMPLOYMENT *Birmingham* *£Partnership*
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The Bristol office of this London firm is seeking to further enhance its existing personal injury team. You should have at least 1 year plaintiff litigation experience. This position offers considerable autonomy and the chance to play a role in the further development of the Bristol practice. Ref: T554

SENIOR PROPERTY *Thames Valley* *£Market Rate*
Do you need a fresh challenge? Our client needs a senior lawyer to build a commercial property team at their Reading office. The work is broad ranging with some landlord and tenant work on behalf of companies The right candidate must demonstrate good practice development skills nd have at least 5 years' pqe. Ref: T19005

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PHOTOGRAPHY: National Portrait Gallery tribute to a chilling genius; artists' lives; Vietnam at war and peace

Master of the white stuff

Richard Avedon captures the mind and soul of his subjects — but rarely the heart, says **Richard Cork**

No photographer could be better suited than Richard Avedon to a high-profile, full-blown retrospective at the National Portrait Gallery. He has thrived on the octane of glamorous exposure for half a century, ever since *Harper's Bazaar* gave the precocious 22-year-old his first job as a staff photographer in 1945. Avedon stayed with the magazine for 20 years, covering the Paris fashion collections with inventive, faultlessly elegant aplomb. So when it comes to treading the gallery equivalent of a catwalk, he knows exactly how to handle the challenge issued by a grand exhibition.

The show kicks off with a rush of images, surprisingly crowded on the walls and difficult to absorb. They reveal the young Avedon at his most documentary, prowling the beaten-up streets of Harlem as well as the more beguiling pastures of Central Park. Poverty is not avoided, and there are signs of loyalty to the neo-realist standpoint which flourished in the photography and film of the late 1940s.

But no hint of social polemic ruffles the nimble observation. Even at this early stage, Avedon reserves his true enthusiasm for the star quality of a street performer called Zazi. An entire wall is devoted to this charismatic woman, as she prances and charms her way through Roman crowds at the Piazza Navona. Avedon's alert camera responds to her instinctive, shameless theatricality. She is irrepressible, and he finds in her showmanship the stimulus his work needs.

Fashion, of course, has an inbuilt sense of stylish drama. But Avedon was never content merely to reflect the alluring artifice of the Paris collections. He wanted to push it much further, taking risks. How would the professional poise of models like Suzy Parker and the equally suave Robin Tattersall survive if they were asked to rollerskate in the Place de la Concorde? The answer was a triumphant image, filled with an apparently effortless panache.

The picture gains much of its zest from Avedon's wily decision to shoot very low down. The Parisian architecture is relegated to a subordinate role on the horizon, leaving the two models with an ample expanse of sky as a neutral backdrop for their excitable, outflung limbs and windblown clothes.

By heightening the sky's whiteness, Avedon makes nature provide him with a setting akin to the blankness of his studio wall. This is the uncluttered context he likes best, and it seems to originate in a series of head-shots taken during his wartime spell in the US Merchant Marine. Nathan J. Avedon, the personification of a young, eager seaman with standard-issue crewcut and determined jaw, was photographed against just such a white expanse in 1943. Avedon can hardly have realised, at this early stage, that it would become his hallmark. But its purged, bleached simplicity soon grows into the leitmotiv of the exhibition.

> 'Avedon's images do little to encourage anger or pity'

Against this ubiquitous backdrop, Avedon extends the range of his subjects far beyond the hothouse constraints of *haute couture*. A strong sense soon emerges of a tougher photographer, desperate to escape from his limiting reputation as a fashion specialist. However much success he gained from his *Harper's Bazaar* trips to Paris, and later assignments for *Vogue*, Avedon had no intention of becoming identified solely with such a rarefied world. Just as he took exquisite models into the Cirque d'Hiver, and photographed them posing among the elephants, so he persuaded an encyclopaedic array of people to submit to his increasingly sharp-focus lens.

True, icons as predictable as Marilyn Monroe make an appearance against the blinding white surface. But Avedon makes disappointingly little of her features. He finds far greater interest in the unknown face and torso of Ronald Fischer, a Californian beekeeper. Naked, and half covered with the insects he nurtures, Fischer stares at Avedon as if daring him to remain unnerved. Avedon gazes back, through the camera, with absolute dispassion.

If anything, the prevailing mood is clinical. Avedon's insistence on whiteness promotes an almost glacial air, as though everyone is frozen into refrigerated clarity. Because nothing distracts us from the sitter, we grow unusually conscious of even the tiniest blemish and wrinkle.

That is why, of all his portraits, Avedon's old men are the most arresting. Ezra Pound, furrowed and dishevelled, contorts his features as if shuddering at the memory of his imprisonment as a Fascist sympathiser in the 1940s. Samuel Beckett, slight yet commanding, gives out a steely stare beneath hair that seems to rise up in reaction to an electric shock. And Francis Bacon, as pummelled as a boxer, directs one eye at the camera while letting the other gaze down into a private, haunted space of his own.

After a time, the unsparing character of these images becomes strangely chilling. This coldness comes into its own when Avedon trains his camera on figures ripe for dissection. *The Generals of The Daughters of the American Revolution* is just such a photograph, and it may well be his masterpiece. The ladies who belong to this elite, preposterous gathering are clustered together, with sashes, medals, jewellery and flowers proudly brandished on their gowns. But Avedon slyly catches them off-guard, as they prepare themselves to be photographed. They look bored and disdainful, with cruel, downturned mouths. The gulf between the group's pretensions and the small-minded absurdity of the women themselves is defined with corrosive brilliance.

When Avedon tackles subjects worthy of our sympathy, though, he fails to make the necessary transition. Another room is filled with images of the inmates at East Louisiana State Hospital. They are profoundly disturbed. Some loll on benches or the floor, while another walks on all fours. Apart from one man, who grimaces at the camera, they seem unaware of Avedon's presence. But he sees them as little more than actors on a stage, performing a choreography of derangement that stirs no compassion in the spectator's mind.

To judge from the subdued lighting in the room next door, Avedon does want to create an elegiac setting for his photographs of napalm victims in Saigon. The dimness of a chapel is successfully evoked, but I felt manipulated by his theatrical attempt to condition my response. The pictures themselves should not need this kind of intervention, but the detached harshness of Avedon's images does little to encourage either anger or pity on the viewer's part.

Towards the end of the show, his matter-of-fact approach meets its ideal subject. In October 1969, Avedon persuaded Andy Warhol and sundry members of the Factory entourage to pose in various states of undress. The outcome was a colossal frieze of figures, some beautiful and others weird, which now take up the whole of a wide wall. They all parade with calculated indifference, standing in groups and yet psychologically removed from each other. At the far right, Warhol's bewigged and sphinx-like presence brings the sequence to a close. He looks, as ever, utterly deadpan. But behind his unrevealing facade, Warhol must have been secretly relishing the knowledge that his coolness would find perfect visual expression in Avedon's studied, icy gaze.

● Richard Avedon: Evidence 1944-1994 *at the National Portrait Gallery (0171-306 0055) until June 11*



The Generals of the Daughters of the American Revolution, caught off-guard by Avedon. "They look bored and disdainful, with cruel mouths"

Shots on the front line

Alison Beckett on the haunting images of South-East Asia by Tim Page

When Tim Page arrived in Vietnam in 1963 he was 18. He was the first photographer to capture the country in the midst of civil war. Now, on the eve of the twentieth anniversary of the unification of Vietnam, his uncomfortable photographs of then and now are on show at the Photographers' Gallery.

There are the blackening corpses limed down to prevent the spread of disease; a soldier taking cover in a bamboo hedge, grinning nervously at leaf mould level; and a wrecked body heaving into sight, seeking first-class pickings on the rail track. Then there is the little girl who prays for peace.

The images, never exhibited before, are haunting. So much so that Page has returned repeatedly to Vietnam to exorcise the ghosts that have pursued him ever since. Juxtaposed with present-day monks sheltering from the sun beneath black umbrellas, and scenes from Page's other life — snapping the line-up for Miss Nude California, or boys formation diving in Cuba — the impact is the greater.

Page was raised on Robert Capa's visions of war. He describes his obsession with the death of the great war photographer in his new book *Mid-term Report* — Page is now 50 — published to coincide with the exhibition. Capa had been the victim of a landmine in Vietnam on Page's tenth birthday, and Page almost emulated him in death as well as life.

Born in Tunbridge Wells, Page had headed east on the hippy trail as a teenager and became an agronomist in Laos until the day he was able to borrow a decent camera. Then he flew more than 150 wartime operations, hitching rides with GIs. He was injured in action for the fifth time as he jumped out of a helicopter just as a 350 lb Chinese anti-tank mine was detonated. He was presumed dead, a fistful of his brain blown away.

Anyone might have thought that Page's career was over: that he would never want to snap a Vietnamese again. But Page was hooked on the beauty of the country and its inhabitants.

The long haul of recovery took ten years. But his eye for quirky detail mixed with appalling reality grew sharper. The first "glimmer of hope" came with a job shooting the weird Californian subculture of nude sky divers and military vehicle collectors. Soon he had his first major exhibition and was travelling again.

But Vietnam was always the ultimate lure. Returning to Hanoi, he hornes in on a chess board which every Cyclo driver has ready beneath his seat. The game, Page says, is like ours except for the introduction of an imaginary river and elephant. It takes some fathoming, like the Vietnamese, since it tends to change each time it is explained. But if anyone can pin them down, at least with his lens, Page can.

● Tim Page: Mid-term Report *is at the Photographers' Gallery (0171-831 1772) until Saturday*
● Mid-term Report *is published by Thames & Hudson (£14.95)*

TIM PAGE/REPORTAGE



Tim Page's photograph of an angry Cambodian crowd rioting to protest against the return of the Khmer Rouge

Studio portraits of the great and good

Those suffering from some form of post-Avedon *tristesse* would be well advised to take the short Tube ride to Leighton House off Kensington High Street. The house, a magnificent Victorian construction which was the home and studio of painter Frederic Leighton, is a suitably aesthetic setting for *Space To Create*, an exhibition of photographs of contemporary artists' studios.

Terry Buchanan, a record photographer at the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments in England, has invaded the studios of such eminent artists as Eduardo Paolozzi, Lynn Chadwick, Anthony Caro, Beryl Cook, Bridget Riley and Howard Hodgkin. The latter's studio is huge and white, and the tubes of paint are neatly arranged. White canvases cover half-completed works so as not to distract Hodgkin from new projects.

Beryl Cook's studio is a far more cluttered place — next to a leopard-skinned sofa stand four mannequin legs. But the Cook clutter is minimal compared to that found on Eduardo Paolozzi's shelves: boxes, trays, bottles and, of course, dozens of sculptures in various stages of completion. From the evidence of Buchanan's photograph it is impossible to see how Paolozzi has any space to create at all.

AROUND THE GALLERIES

At first glance Anthony Caro's studio resembles nothing more than a garage workshop, packed with drills, hammers, spanners and power-tools. Even the vast sculptures appear to be "parked" next to the work benches, ready for a spot of bodywork and perhaps a new paint-job. All that's missing is a Page Three calendar, but there is a poster of a positively underdressed rhinoceros.

Leighton House Museum, 12 Holland Park Road, London W14 (0171-602 3316), until April 11

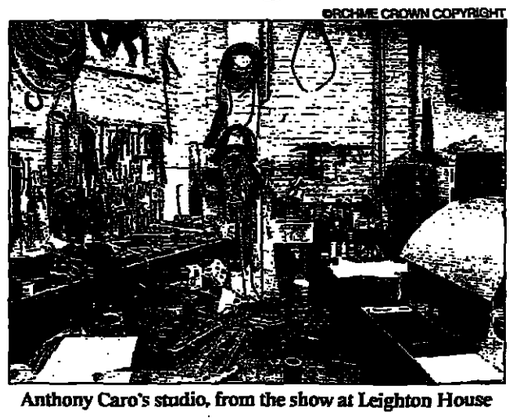
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For copyright reasons, Camerawork has been forbidden to display Mabb's works, and so the gallery has hung these blank canvases with descriptions of the missing work. "Down the right hand narrow border, bright purple acrylic paint shows through. Over this surface, small spots of about 4cm across have been painted . . ."

The gallery has managed to display one example (a peace march in Washington DC in 1967) but the result, in which the whole picture is deluged with paint, obscuring the image, is hardly a strong illustration of "the revisionism currently prevalent in the assessment of Western history," as it is claimed. We know that photographs have an historical context; we know about revisionism. Camerawork's attitude is nothing more than censorious. And we know that censorship is something governments do, not art galleries.

Camerawork, 121 Roman Road, London E2 (0181-980 6256) until April 29

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Anthony Caro's studio, from the show at Leighton House

☐ James VanDerZee, whose images of 1920s Harlem are currently hanging at the Zelda Cheatle gallery, died in 1983. But he is still hailed as black America's greatest photographer, and it is not hard to see why. Despite his training as a portrait photographer, his images of street scenes are strong and expressive, which raises them above "mere" documentary photography.

His subjects are far from gloomy — hardly the stereotypical images of a poverty-stricken, barely enfranchised people that conscience-ridden American photographers are so keen to capture. His photographs are far more optimistic. Neat rows of smartly dressed schoolchildren and portraits of the well-to-do are far more aspirational than a battery of slum-shots.

Zelda Cheatle, 8 Cecil Court, London WC1 (0171-836 0506) until April 21. The show then tours to the Brighton University Gallery in May and the Impressions Gallery in York in the autumn

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ROYAL CONCERTGEBOUW ORCHESTRA: The Barbican opens its "Great Orchestras of the World" spring season with Riccardo Chailly conducting the celebrated orchestra. Tonight's programme includes Beethoven's Egmont Overture and Piano Concerto No 3 and Strauss's *Ein Heldenleben*, Maria Joao Pires is the soloist.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

MUSIC THEATRE DOUBLE BILL: Blackheath plays host to an evening of very contemporary views of classic composers. Vocem Electric Voice Theatre and the Endymion Ensemble revive Judith Weir's *Scipio's Dream*, based on a serenata by the 14-year-old Mozart and premiere a commission from Michael Finnissy: *Shameful Vice* draws on fragments from Tchaikovsky's own letters as well as music from his operas. Should be an eye-opener.
Blackheath Concert Halls, Lee Road, SE3 (0181-463 0100). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm.

THE MOSQUITO COAST: Outstanding production by the David Glass Ensemble, dramatising Paul Theroux's novel of the crazed American who drags his family into the jungle. Striking visual effects.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Previews tonight, opens tomorrow, both at 7.30pm.

LA WALLY: University College Opera present the London premiere of Catalani's Tyrolean masterpiece, 103 years after its premiere at La Scala. Elizabeth Hetherington and Donald Stephenson take the lead roles; produced by Julia Hollander and designs by Tahra Kharibian.
Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WC1 (0171-388 8822) Tonight, Wed, Fri and Sat, 7pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The Luther Vandross tour machine continues, built around the selection of cover versions which he recorded for last year's hugely successful album, *Songs*. It all comes with lashings of showbiz ham, but nobody does this kind of gold-plated, arena-strength soul better.
NEC, Junction 6, M42 (0121-780 4133). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then in **London**, Wembley (0181-900 1234) on Thurs and Fri.

BRADFORD: Birmingham Royal Ballet continues its spring season with a double-bill this week. The programme for tonight and tomorrow combines *Choreartium*, Massine's rarely seen symphonic ballet from the 1930s, with two masterworks from the 1940s: Tudor's dance drama *Pillar of Fire* and Balanchine's *Theme and Variations*. Later in the week, Peter Wright's farewell gift is a lovely production of the ever-popular comedy *Coppélia*. Great designs from Peter Farmer.
Alhambra, Morley Street (01274 752000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Fri, 2pm; Sat, 2.30pm.

BRIGHTON: Juliet Stevenson, Simon Russell Beale and Robert Demeger take Philip Franks's production of **The Duchess of Malfi** on the road this week, after a sell-out run at London's Greenwich Theatre. The show should have built up its strength since it was first reviewed and is likely to be a "hot" ticket.
Theatre Royal, New Road (01273 328488). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm

MOLD: Last week here for Una Stubbs in the title role of **Mrs Warren's Profession**, described by Shaw as a "genial and fairly presentable old blackguard". With Giles Thomas and Trilby James, directed by Caroline Eves. At the New Theatre in Cardiff next week.
Theatr Clwyd (01352 755114). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 8pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
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◪ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN':** Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

□ **BROKEN GLASS:** Arthur Miller's masterly drama, distilling his lifelong concern with personal responsibility. David Thacker's production, with Henry Goodman and Margot Leicester superb as the central Jewish couple.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **CHERYOMUSHKI:** The return of this funny musical comedy by Shostakovich, set on "Cherry Tree Estate", a coveted escape-hole for upwardly mobile Muscovites. An evening of merriment from Pimlico Opera.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm. Until Apr 8

□ **DANGEROUS CORNER:** Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

□ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE:** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **INDIAN INK:** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **KILLER JOE:** Utterly absorbing shock-drama by Tracy Letts where a trash-trailer family virtually annihilates itself by employing a hit-man to kill their unwanted Mom. Wilson Milam directs.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

□ **THE LIVE BED SHOW:** Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed in Arthur Smith's comedy.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6.30pm and 8.45pm.

□ **SWEET PHOEBE:** Direct from its Australian tour, Sydney Theatre Company bring Michael Gow's new play in which a couple of DINKS (double income, no kids) find their sixth Wedding Anniversary utterly disrupted by the arrival of a house guest.
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (0181-680 4060). Opens tonight, 6.30pm. Then Tue, 6.30pm, Wed-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 5pm. Until Apr 23

◪ **TRAINSPOTTING:** The seamy side of Edinburgh, the druggy streets, pubs and shooting galleries, brought to the stage by Irvin Welsh, adapting Harry Graham's novel. English premiere directed by Kenny Miller.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Previews begin tonight, 8pm; opens March 31.

□ **UP'N'UNDER:** John Godber's rugby play, done by Hull Truck. Enthusiastic 'n' simple. Leave your brains in the changing room.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

□ **WOMEN OF TROY:** Good acting in this Euripides but a concern to emphasise modern relevance saps the power. Jane Birkin and Rosemary Harris lead the women in Annie Castledine's directorial debut here.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (0171-930 8800) ... ◪ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ... □ **Copacabana:** Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) ... □ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-494 5070) ... ◪ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ... ■ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ... ◪ **A Passionate Woman:** Comedy (0171-369 1731) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ... □ **She Loves Me:** Savoy (0171-836 8888) ... □ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ... ■ **Three Tall Women:** Wyndhams (0171-369 1736) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DROP ZONE** (15): Wesley Snipes goes undercover to catch sky-diving criminals. Good aerial stunts; otherwise, an empty action thriller. With Yancy Butler and Gary Busey.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
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THEATRE: Gogol's political surrealism is not to be sneezed at, says **Benedict Nightingale**

Satirical view from a bridge

The Nose
Nottingham Playhouse

We all know that if Helen of Troy had had a little more in common with Jimmy Durante, she would have done well to have launched a couple of dinghies. But why? Why do we regard that preposterous protuberance, the nose, as an essential component of human beauty? And why would every Greek sailor have run screaming from a noseless Helen instead of glorying in what, by any objective aesthetic criterion, would have been a smoother, sleeker face?

Gogol would have sympathised with this line of argument, for his own nose looked rather like the prow of Concorde after a collision with a loading bay. He felt self-conscious about its length and vertical slant, and his self-consciousness found its way into the surreal short story that Alistair Beaton has adapted and Martin Duncan directed for Nottingham Playhouse. The production, Duncan's first as the theatre's artistic supremo, does not solve all the problems of transposing *The Nose* from page to stage; but it is visually brilliant and does full justice to Gogol's original.

Scholars may argue about the meaning of the tale of the young snob and idler whose nose declares UDI and struts round Petersburg dressed in a uniform grander than his own. Is it a satire on class, a pre-Freudian study of castration anxieties, a meditation on the relativity of good looks, or a piece of whimsical fun? The answer here is: all those things, and probably more.

That we are meant to have fun is obvious the moment we pick up our embossed *Nose* handkerchief ("This will run and run") and parody edition of the local paper ("Nose Terror Hits Notts") and enter a blue-lit auditorium through which black-clad *babushkas* are already prowling.

But the fun is always more serious and satirical than cute and winsome. Everything conspires to suggest a Russia gone terminally askew, from acting just this side of caricature to Peter Salem's sardonically tooting music to Tim Hatley's wonderfully angular, evocative designs.

Somehow Hatley swivels his grey-green panelling to give us a bridge, a candle-filled cathedral, offices crammed with untidy drawers and files, long, tapering streets and bleak, draughty rooms. Through this landscape drifts Robert Bathurst's Kovalyov — a nice mixture of insecurity and callow arrogance — in a desperate search for what's less a missing nose than a symbol of status, power and sexual eligibility. Meanwhile, the proboscis itself gradually expands from a tiny, chirruping triangle into a bloated state counsellor (played by Phelim McDermott) who turns out to be as coarsely priapic in his conduct as in his looks.

The evening lacks something in the way of tension and narrative momentum. Although it would be a pity to lose even extraneous Gogolisms, such as the intruder from *The Overcoat* who meanders round the stage morosely exuding a parallel sense of loss, there could and should be a few cuts.

Nevertheless, Duncan's production is unusually strong when it comes to generating a dowdy, crazy atmosphere. It gives you the feel of a place where people are divided into the posh and the poor, bureaucrats are for ever pushing unnecessary paper, everyone expects his bribe, and unexplained events are still superstitiously attributed to witches or warlocks: a picture of Russia in 1836 and, maybe, now.

DONALD COOPER



Phelim McDermott makes a proboscis of himself as the anti-hero of Alistair Beaton's darkly entertaining adaptation of Gogol's *The Nose*

CONCERTS: Homage paid to a great influence on a great Romantic; false start to Stuttgart tour

Touch of Rott before the Mahler sets in

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Barbican

IT IS only fitting that the Mahler cycle presented by the London Symphony Orchestra under Michael Tilson Thomas should have included a piece by Hans Rott.

This was the Viennese composer who died at the age of 26, before any of his works had been published or performed in public, but not before he had made a profound impression on both Mahler and Bruckner.

Rott's Symphony in E Major, which received its first performance as recently as 1989, breathes the same air as that of Mahler's great works. More than that, the Scherzo alone (which sadly was all we were given in Sunday night's concert) not only brings to mind at least three particular Mahler symphonies, but even shares the same principal idea as the Scherzo of Mahler's First. More remarkable still is the fact that Rott's symphony actually preceded Mahler's First by several years.

This is, then, a case of musical borrowing almost as astonishing as that of Hans von Bülow's *Nirvana* by Wagner in *Tristan und Isolde*. Once again the intriguing question is: was the borrowing conscious or unconscious?

With Wagner it was almost certainly the latter, but with Mahler it is tempting to believe that there may have been an element of conscious tribute to the brilliant young composer he so admired, and whose career was so prematurely terminated.

Rott's powerful, unconventional movement begins with relatively four-square material, but later enters an iconoclastic streak — well caught here by Tilson Thomas and the LSO — an element which was not present in the extract also played of Rott's *Pastorales Vorspiel*.

The Mahler work given was *Das Lied von der Erde*. The man assigned the thankless task of battling against the orchestral flood in the drinking songs was the Canadian heldentenor Ben Heppner.

So often does one hear the tenor part reduced to a rant that it was a pleasure to hear a singer who had both the power to project his voice without making a single unpleasant sound, and the musicality to attend to details of phrasing. The orchestral contribution to *About Youth* had the precision and delicacy of the Chinese porcelain alluded to in the text.

The remaining songs were given, not to a mezzo, but to the baritone Thomas Hampson, who generated a superbly controlled surge of excitement for the horseriding youths of *About Beauty*: the sense of yearning hung poignantly in the air as Hampson came to the end of the song.

There may perhaps have been more profound interpretations of the final *Farewell*, but this great song of leavetaking drew the best from Hampson and Tilson Thomas, especially in the long, sustained sigh of the closing stanza.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Bonney rescues a cold start

Stuttgart PO/ Kalmar
Edinburgh Festival Theatre

WITH grim weather outside and a thin audience inside, Carlos Kalmar and the Stuttgart Philharmonic could at least console themselves with the thought that, after this opening concert of a two-week tour of Britain, things could only get better.

There was also the consideration that with every additional occupied seat in the Edinburgh Festival Theatre — where the acoustics are fine for opera but discouragingly dry for an orchestra spread out on the stage — the sound would have been that much worse.

However, not all the orchestra's problems were to do with the circumstances in which it found itself. It takes an exceptional woodwind section to utter as many false notes as were heard on this occasion and, even at the best of times, tuning and blending were unattractive.

Kalmar, a young conductor brought up in Uruguay and trained in Vienna, has been with the Stuttgart Philharmonic for three or four years, but he clearly has much work to do before he can make it into a cohesive ensemble that will make an adequate impression on the international circuit. While there is a good basis for development in the strings, distinctive qualities like a Stuttgart style or sound are hard to find.

The special feature of this concert, shared by none of the others on the tour, was the presence of Barbara Bonney as soprano soloist in Mahler's Fourth Symphony. Before the interval, in Mozart's *Exsultate Jubilate* and *Deh Vieni*, she too seemed to have been affected by the general drabness of the occasion and had nothing very positive to offer except accuracy.

But by the end of the Mahler, her intervention was very welcome. Apart from some suddenly enchanting playing from cellos and violas in the slow movement, there had been nothing as radiant in colour or as idiomatic in expression as the contribution she made at this point.

Balance between voice and instruments was not well adjusted but that, in the circumstances, was a minor consideration.

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From the daringly slow, dragging footsteps of the first song, contrasting the rising sun with the darkness of bereavement, Rieger made the music sound more exploratory, more harmonically searching than in the colour-soaked orchestral version. Not only did we not miss the orchestra: the emptiness of sudden realisation in the second song, and the storm, inside and out, of the last, were laid bare in all their melodic and harmonic torture.

Hampson's baritone is vast enough, his breath control total enough, to hold pain and tension live in every line. This cycle can lie uncomfortably low for the male voice, but even in the abyss Hampson touched every raw nerve.

When he turned to Butterworth's *A Shropshire Lad*, the patchwork fields of the Borders expanded to a landscape nearer the Appalachians than the Long Mynd.

If Hampson's emphasis on projection and performance sometimes makes even brightly imagined detail tend towards the self-serving, the singing of German baritone **Olaf Bär** exemplifies the opposite tendency. He joined the Nash Ensemble on Saturday for an imaginatively constructed programme in their continuing series "A Golden Age of Parisian Music".

His performance of Ravel's *Cinq mélodies populaires grecques* was slow to get off the ground, simply because it seemed unfuelled by either linguistic sympathy or real, deep knowledge of the songs themselves.

There were some telling details: the vigorous unaccompanied moments of declamation, and the way the voice, with Ian Brown's sensitive piano playing, drifted on warm currents of air in the fourth song. But the voice too rarely left the letter of the music to abandon itself to its heady, sensuous spirit.

HILARY FINCH

MUSIC THEATRE

The kindest cut?

IN WHAT is officially described as the culmination of the Royal Northern College of Music's music-theatre project, two of the three works in the programme got more or less what they deserved. Benjamin Britten's dramatic cantata *Phaedra*, on the other hand, was severely abused. This chaste product of the composer's last creative resources is not music theatre. Nor is it the tub-thumping, poison-swigging, death-rattling freak show offered on this occasion.

One's sympathies were with the resourceful but ill-advised postgraduate mezzo soloist, Denise Sartori. But, really, what could the RNCM staff director, Jennifer Hamilton, usefully have done with the last piece in the programme, Robin Grant's hour-long anthology of poetic bits and pieces and musical stock-in-trade, *I AMin search of John Clare*, except cut it at least by half? Indeed, the music-theatre project having presented the first performance of that work four months ago, it would have been a valuable exercise for everyone concerned to demonstrate in the repeat performances what artistic advantages there can be in getting a piece into shape, focusing it, concentrating it, and creating some long-term structural rhythm.

Nicola LeFanu's *Dunpath*, which was written when music theatre was still a fresh concept nearly 20 years ago, presents different problems. There is much melodic beauty in her slender, mainly linear score, and her interpretation of North American Indian myth combines song and dance in a perfectly natural way. But in making dance the most eventful element in a mainly static ritual dialogue of bass and soprano soloists and on-stage instrumentalists, she surely requires far more imaginative choreography than the primary-school movement devised by Caroline Clegg.

GERALD LARNER



Noises off out of this world

Animals roaring like thunder, a baby's cry better than the real thing — theatrical sound designers have all the answers, writes **Andy Lavender**

The next time you go to the theatre, look carefully at the credits in the programme. You may come across an intriguing entry — "sound designer" — alongside the director and the set designer in the movers-and-shakers list. Who is this unfamiliar character?

About 15 years ago, lighting design became established as a key component of the theatrical process — not just the routine business of illumination and special effects, but the shaping of a visual ambience. The same is true of sound. No longer is the sound man merely the stagehand shaking the thunder sheet, or the technician making sure that the telephone rings on cue. Instead, using their base material — noise — sound designers weave layers of atmosphere into the production's emotional tapestry.

This is partly explained by advances in technology. One sound designer says that in days gone by he would get reverberation by placing a speaker and a microphone in a theatre toilet (and this was the National Theatre). Now, a little box does the trick for him, while he can create, manipulate and edit sound at the push of a computer button.

But there are other factors as well. Directors, especially youthful ones, are increasingly realising the "filmic" possibilities of sound in shaping an audience's response. Paul Arditti exemplifies the trend. He has recently designed the sound for shows as diverse as *Blasted*, *The Threepenny Opera* and the Stephen Dillane *Hamlet*. Indeed Peter Hall, director of the latter, calls up Arditti for his productions, and his pre-eminence was confirmed when Stephen Daldry, on becoming artistic director of the Royal Court, recruited him to the theatre's permanent staff.

The job is not merely to fiddle with the gadgets but to participate in the artistic process. "I'm less obsessed with the power the technology gives me than with talking to those in the creative hot-seat," says Arditti. "I want to be part of that gang, not the tecky gang."

When "that gang" listens to the teckies, the results can be startling. Paul Slocombe, the Royal Shakespeare Company's head of sound, says that for a recent production of *King Lear* he decided to point up, in the storm scene, the many allusions in the text to wild animals. "If you make your thunderclaps into roaring animals you're not only making it more interesting than bangs and crashes, but you're articulating something that's embedded in Shakespeare's text," Slocombe says.

Strangely enough, recordings of authentic sounds are often inadequate for the task. Phyllis Nagy's *The Strip*, currently at the Royal Court, calls for a crying baby. Arditti was unimpressed by the real thing, so he recorded an actress making a crying noise, then modulated and "hugely amplified" it.

Clearly the job is about resourcefulness as much as resources, as is further borne out by the work of Scott Myers, a resident sound designer at the National Theatre. Myers worked on the current production of Euripides's *Women of Troy* (setting: a city by the sea during a war). In a striking effect near the beginning of the play, the sound of a military helicopter metamorphoses into that of a fighter jet.

Then there are the elements. "The wind from the sound effects libraries just wasn't right," Myers says. "So I ended up blowing into coffee pots and lifting the lids like trumpet mutes. Then I sampled those sounds with recordings of the cast wailing."

Other solutions are just as ingenious. "I recorded footsteps walking on fresh snow," says Myers. "Pitched down, it sounds like bricks falling. There's some of that, modulated, in the sound of the city falling at the end of the play."

Sound is subject to the rules of physics. But if you know the rules you can bend them, changing frequencies and intensities and multitracking the results. In constructing the "score" of a production, sound designers are akin to composers, and it is no surprise that the two often work closely together. Arditti, for instance, is collaborating with Stephen Warbeck on the Royal Court's next new production, Sam Shepard's *Simpatico*, turning his attention to film-style underscoring "when Shepard raises the emotional pitch".

Music is also to the forefront of the RSC's production of *Twelfth Night*, about to transfer from Stratford to London. "The challenge there is to take a small ensemble of ten players and integrate their live sound with sampled strings, so that it sounds like lush orchestral music," Slocombe says.

The benefits of collaboration are evident in *Women of Troy*, where Myers worked alongside the composer Adrian Johnston. The result subtly combines the voices of the cast, instruments played live by musicians and recorded sound effects. In places you cannot tell which is which, as the shimmer of the sea becomes a crescendo, or as the undercurrent of a cry sounds like a violin note.

The whole is balanced in performance by the sound operator, whose desk is in the auditorium rather than closed off behind glass. The fact that Myers has 20 "speaker zones" around the stage and in the auditorium allows him to place the audience "entirely within an acoustic".

Do these developments mean that theatre is now in thrall to gizmos worked by electro-boffins? "At the end of the day it's the ideas that hold the thing together, no matter what the technology is," Johnston says. Myers agrees. "Many times", he says, "you have to know when to provide silence."

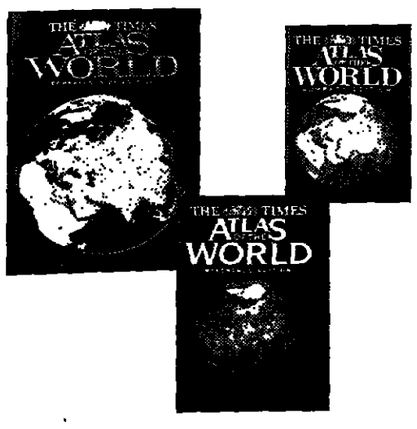
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POP: Far from the cutting edge

Too much pomp

Simple Minds
London Arena



Jim Kerr: now runs the business as a joint MD

WHEN Simple Minds released their thirteenth album at the end of January, leader Jim Kerr said that their desire had been to make it sound like more than simply "the next record" by the band. The bad news, then, about *Good News from the Next World* is that they have picked up few new clients: the album seems to appeal to precisely the same fans as 1991's *Real Life*. This rock'n'roll partnership, est. Glasgow 1978, still shows acceptable annual profits, but not too much growth year-on-year.

With career sales reported to be in the realm of 18 million "units", one might be tempted to look no further than the balance sheet, but Kerr and Charlie Burchill, who now run Minds as joint MDs with a team of highly skilled hired hands, still write and play with unforced fervour, suggesting that this music is more their passion and less their pension plan.

But as the band opened the first of two London shows at the end of a six-date tour of the UK and Ireland with 1995's *She's a River* and 1984's *Up On the Catwalk*, the juxtaposition showed that their chief advancement in that time has been the acquisition of a stadium sheen that non-believers simply see as pomp. It may be partly an image problem, but the distance between Simple Minds and the cutting-edge bands of the day such as Oasis is now almost as great as the chasms that opened in 1977 between, say, the Clash and Genesis.

The five-strong Minds' modest entrance and stage set, spartan by the standards of arena acts, fuelled the notion that, for hipper or richer, the music remains the focus. During that first salvo from the current album, where Kerr asked: "Everything OK?" for the first time, it sounded like a fresh alternative to the "How you doing London?" cliché. Unfortunately, it proved to be one of two repetitive conversational gambits, and by evening's end his scorecard read: "Everything OK?" 6, "Let me see those hands" 8.

But Minds fans — the most normal bunch of rock supporters you'll see in many a road mile — had not come to chat. They came to roar along with the chorus of *Love Song* and *Waterfront*, to appreciate Burchill's wailing guitar on the new single *Hypnotised*, to flick their lighters to *Belfast Child*, and ultimately to bash the wooden flooring of the Arena close to splintering point as they stomped along to *Alive and Kicking*.

Given the especially warm reception that greeted the atypically acoustic *Belfast Child*, one would have expected the band to dig among the roots of their sound more often. A little less bombast would go a long way.

PAUL SEXTON

THEATRE IN AUSTRALIA

Campus cringers

Dead White Males
Opera House
Theatre, Sydney

WARS OF political correctness are currently being waged around the Opera House in Sydney, orchestrated by David Williamson, Australia's most successful and prolific commercial dramatist, but one not much loved by the largely female arts editors and critics of his local press.

Happily his recent retirement threat proved premature, and Williamson is now back (for the Sydney Theatre Company) with the world premiere of *Dead White Males*, a sharply black comedy which comes out fighting current campus teaching fashions. His central figure, savagely well barnstormed by John Howard, is a literature professor on the grope around some down-under university, forever trying to make his girl students and his career by latching on to what Williamson sees as an evil but prevalent and widespread belief there that Shakespeare, being dead and white and male, has no more to teach us.

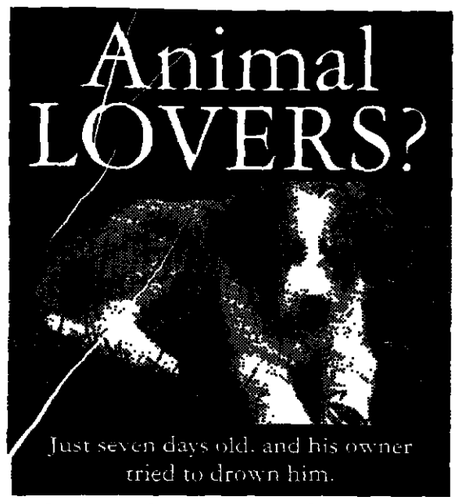
To refute such literary and theatrical blasphemy, Williamson then brings Will himself back to earth in the sanguine form of Patrick Dickson, to defend his own writings and point out their eternal relevance. The play thus formed does not altogether work, either as student comedy or moral tract, veering uneasily from scholastic debate to campus sit-com, but it throws light on a current Australian academic crisis.

Williamson's thesis is that Australia is in danger of merely swapping the old "cultural cringe" towards all things European for an equally if not still more damaging obeisance to the worst of Californian campus newspeak, whereby any trendy theory of sexual or racial rebalancing is allowed to overtake and replace genuine scholarship or research.

"It's duck-hunting season and we men are the ducks," says the old grandfather under investigation by his granddaughter in *Dead White Males*, and you could sense a pre-view audience at the Opera House dividing along *O'leanna* lines, the males literally shrinking back from their cheering female companions. *Dead White Males* too frequently taxies down these academic and social and sexual runways only to reverse back disappointingly to the safe hangar of a domestic sit-com when the air starts to get turbulent.

But Williamson is making an unfashionable "back-to-basics" stand against the teachings of non-essentialist feminist multiculturalism, mostly now taught by middle-aged white males desperate to hold onto their jobs at whatever cost to their integrity or original academic beliefs.

SHERIDAN MORLEY



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Juventus's silver fox gains international reward for persistence

Artisan's virtues provide Italy with cutting edge



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

Walter Mitty is alive, playing well and wearing, of all things, the blue shirt of Italy. For years Fabrizio Ravanelli, the silver fox of Italian football, had dreamed of scoring for his country: for years the Italians had dreamed of producing a workhorse in the English mould, a player of consistency, of stamina, of deep moral courage.

At the seaside stadium in Salerno last Saturday the dreams came true. Ravanelli, scorer of 23 goals for Juventus so far this season, struck the bar, had a goal disallowed, but persevered until finally he scored in Italy's 4-1 rout of Estonia in a qualifying game for the 1996 European championship.

It was about time that Arrigo Sacchi, Italy's beleaguered coach, chose the silver fox. For every time this coach selected a side, he seemed to choose a new forward line: forwards who had all the class in the world but, somehow, lacked either the desire or the nerve to fulfill themselves.

Not so Ravanelli, who had just scored his 100th goal for Juventus, thrilling himself to the core, having it laid on by Roberto Baggio, and using the running of Gianluca Vialli as his decoy. The thoroughbreds working for the workhorse!

Ravanelli, 26, was grey by the age of 14, a family trait which no doubt will pass down to Luca, his first child, born just before Christmas.

When you look into the face of Ravanelli you see that the skin is taut across the cheekbones; the chin is sturdy, the hunger and enthusiasm palpable. He is a new international, an eager, relative youngster masquerading as a senior citizen of the game.

There is an honest earthiness to Ravanelli, born in Umbria and carried to the top by the perseverance with which he plied his trade in lower leagues with Perugia, Avellino and Reggiana.

Last Saturday, in Salerno, came his coronation. First he was to serve others, to assist in the first of two goals for Gianfranco Zola, playing his eleventh international but scoring for the first time. But as time began to run out, with Italy leading 3-0, it seemed a goal would be denied to Ravanelli, only for his willpower to burst through. It was not pretty, this first Ravanelli goal, for he bundled the ball into the net after a fine run from Sampdoria's Attilio Lombardo. But who, in connection with Ravanelli, any longer goes by appearances?

He will doubtless be chosen again when the team pursues more European points against Ukraine in Kiev tomorrow, and after all the waiting, all the dreaming, who would deny him his reward.

Croatia's rampant goalscorer, Davor Suker, who twice put the ball into Italy's net in Palermo last November, scored twice more when Croatia overwhelmed Ukraine 4-0 in Zagreb on Saturday. Small wonder that half of Europe's big clubs with big purses are pursuing a player who is exiled in Seville.

It will take persistence to get him, the sort of persistence shown by John Kerr, a long way from Millwall, who started a game for the United States for the first time in almost seven years.

He had been overlooked for 147 consecutive internationals — in itself a perverse kind of record. Kerr scored, naturally, as early as the eighth minute against Uruguay in the Cotton Bowl, Dallas, where the US went into a two-goal lead. But after the Uruguayans had equalised, a crowd of 12,242 was scattered and the match abandoned when a 40mph gale ripped the scoreboard off its stanchion and threatened life.

Alas, as now seems a weekly event, life was taken at a football match. It happened in Rio de Janeiro where some supporters of Botafogo stole a black and red Flamengo flag, whereupon an opposing spectator went to his car, returned with a pistol, and shot dead two Botafogo fans, gravely injuring a third.

At the time Romario was in full spate for the Brazilian media. He had scored, at last, a hat-trick for Flamengo; after all of the psychological problems, the return to beach life, the nightclub incident and a paternity suit filed by his wife.

The mercurial goalscorer commented: "I dedicate these three strikes to the goodness of my kids, and the badness of my wife." It would have been a half funny remark, but for the carnage outside.

TONY MARSHALL



Ravanelli has combined doggedness with scoring ability to achieve his goal

United tempt Cantona with improved deal

MANCHESTER United are ready to offer Eric Cantona a lucrative new contract. Martin Edwards, the chairman and chief executive, said yesterday that he had given "no encouragement" to Internazionale and had opened negotiations with Cantona's agent.

The Frenchman's appeal against the two-week prison sentence imposed by Croydon Magistrates for his attack on Matthew Simmons, a Crystal Palace supporter, will be heard on Friday. Cantona is also banned worldwide until September 30, but that has not dampened the interest of the Italian club, who are understood to be willing to pay £5.5 million. They also asked about the availability of United's England midfielder, Paul Ince, but the inquiry was turned down.

Ferguson, meanwhile, is on collision course with Andrei Kanchelskis after another outburst by the Russian winger, who was quoted in a Scottish newspaper as saying he would like to play for Rangers. Ken Ramsden, the United assistant secretary, said: "The manager's position is clear. Andrei is under contract and must stay."

Jürgen Klinsmann, 30, the Tottenham striker, has been approached by the German champions, Bayern Munich, over a possible move back to his homeland, country. Klinsmann, however, insisted he "cannot imagine" such a move at the moment.

England leap Irish hurdle

Ireland Under-21 0
England Under-21 2

FROM PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

SINCE Jack Charlton took over as manager, Ireland have been a serious obstacle to the senior England side. The Under-21 team has no such problems, and goals from Trevor Sinclair and Neil Shipperley continued the sequence of English victories in Dublin yesterday.

England's sixth win in seven meetings takes them clear at the top of the European championship group six, two points ahead of Portugal, who have a game in hand.

After the shame of the match at Lansdowne Road last month, yesterday passed without incident. Four hundred police ringed the streets around Dalymount Park in the spring sunshine, but there was not a hooligan in sight.

On paper, this is Ireland's strongest Under-21 side for some time, but once again England were too strong. Savage and Boland had their moments but with Kennedy, Liverpool's £2-million teenager, well held by Pearce, Ireland's best player was David Greene, the Luton centre half, doing his best to stem the tide as England's greater power told.

Without Fowler and Redknapp, England lacked the style and authority they showed in Austria last year but Gallen, on his debut, and Butt did their best to compensate for the Liverpool absentees. Butt emerged from a quiet start to show the most assured touch on a difficult surface.

The first goal arrived seven minutes into the second period. Shipperly flicking on Watson's long throw for Sinclair to turn and beat Given from close range. Twelve minutes later, Shipperly accepted Gallen's cross to turn and beat Given with a fine shot.

IRELAND UNDER-21 (4-4-2): S Given (Blackburn Rovers) — S Carr (Tottenham Hotspur) G Breen (Peterborough), D Greene (Luton), P Hardy (Wrexham) — K Durkin (Wrexham) D Savage (Millwall), W Boland (Coventry, sub: G Farrelly, Aston Villa, 66min) W Woods (Cork City) — A Turner (Tottenham Hotspur, sub: B Launders, Crystal Palace 73). M Kennedy (Liverpool).

ENGLAND UNDER-21 (4-4-2): P Gerrard (Oldham) — S Watson (Newcastle United), I Pearce (Blackburn Rovers), D Unsworth (Everton), D Gordon (Crystal Palace) — T Sinclair (Queen's Park Rangers), N Butt (Manchester United), A Roberts (Millwall), C Bart-Williams (Sheffield Wednesday) — N Shipperley (Southampton), K Gallen (Queen's Park Rangers).

Referee: P Leduc (France)

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ailing Quinn may miss European tie

A STOMACH bug yesterday interrupted Ireland's preparations for their European championship qualifying group match with Northern Ireland at Lansdowne Road on tomorrow (Peter Ball writes). Yesterday Niall Quinn and Eddie McGoldrick were quarantined at the team's Dublin hotel after catching the bug.

"Niall is a very important part of our make-up and he obviously is a concern," Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, said yesterday. "We have got Tony Cascarino here so we are covered if he is unfit." Even so, Quinn would be a significant loss. He played a major part in Ireland's comfortable victory in Belfast in November.

☐ The Scotland squad has been further weakened by an injury to the right back, Stewart McKimmie, which is liable to rule him out of the tie with Russia which takes place in Moscow, tomorrow.

Setback for Conner

YACHTING: Dennis Conner's hopes of defending the America's Cup suffered a serious setback when his yacht, *Stars & Stripes*, experienced significant hull damage midway through her semi-final race against Kevin Mahaney's rival defence challenger, *Young America*, off San Diego on Sunday (Barry Pickthall writes). Inspection revealed that the carbon structure supporting the yacht's keel began to break up and the keel could have been lost. Conner and his crew have until today to repair the damage or forfeit a race against Bill Koch's women's crew on *Mighty Mary*, which at present lies third in the defence trials. *Young America* is assured of a place in the defence finals.

Border out in nineties

CRICKET: Allan Border, the former Australia captain, missed a century by two runs in Brisbane yesterday in what was almost certainly his final first-class innings before retiring. Consolation for Border, who was bowled by the South Australia's Ben Johnson, is that Queensland, who scored 664 in their first innings, are certain to win the Sheffield Shield for the first time.

☐ Malcolm Marshall, the former West Indies fast bowler, is returning to Hampshire as bowling coach next season. He will also play for Denton in the Lancashire League.

Mat finish for Thomson

BOWLS: Andy Thomson, the world indoor singles champion, has announced his retirement from the English Indoor Bowling Association national championships because of the increasing demands of the modern game (Gordon Allan writes). Thomson, 39, who has won more indoor titles than anybody, said: "As sales representative, I'm lucky to have a bowls-related job, but that, too, brings pressures. In the modern game, there are more invitation events and exhibition matches and I'm looking forward to the freedom to accept such invitations more easily."

Journeyman Wilkinson

TENNIS: Chris Wilkinson, 25, the Great Britain No 3, from Southampton, could be in for a hectic time if his team, Royal Berkshire Premier, reaches the final of the Vauxhall Premier Trophy at Nottingham tomorrow. He is due to play in a satellite tournament just outside Paris at 9.30 tomorrow morning, but will fly home for the match in the afternoon if necessary, then return to Paris by Thursday morning should he be successful there.

Carter does double

RACKETS: Richard Carter, of Rugby, retained his British public schools doubles championship in spectacular style, dominating the play in his new partnership with the gritty Robin Hicks against the accomplished Etonians, Neil Bailey and Patrick Wigan. Carter, twice the winner of the singles championship, and Hicks converted their second match point to win a two-hour contest of the highest quality 15-8, 15-11, 7-15, 15-9, 10-15, 15-10.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

At love all, you pick up as South:

♠105 ♥AQ3 ♦AJ4 ♣AKJ32

and you have to find a bid in this auction:

W	N	E	S
Pass	1NT (1)	Pass	4NT (2)
Pass	6NT	Double	?

(1) 12-14 HCP. (2) Quantative raise, asking partner to bid on with a maximum opener.

When I held this hand at rubber bridge, I passed the double of 6NT, and that became the final contract, but I missed a great opportunity. East's only justification for doubling is that he has the ace-king of spades. In that case, my partner was marked with all the other high cards, and if he had a five-card red suit, or two four-card red suits, there would be 13 tricks in Seven Clubs (eight in hearts and diamonds and five in clubs). So I should have removed the double to Seven Clubs. This was the complete deal:

	♠Q93 ♥KJ972 ♦KQ ♣Q104	
♠J8764 ♥854 ♦10532 ♣7	N W E S	♠AK2 ♥106 ♦9876 ♣9865
	♠105 ♥AQ3 ♦AJ4 ♣AKJ32	

Contract: 6NT by North (or Seven clubs by South)

No doubt, if I had switched to Seven Clubs, East would have doubled in rage, but West would then have had to guess which suit to lead. In fact, if you were assured that North had the requisite red-card length, a redouble would be in order — on the two deals out of three that West guesses wrong, you gain 330 (the extra trick score over and above that for the Seven Clubs doubled), and on one deal in three you lose an extra 300 (600 down instead of 300). Altogether, a much better proposition than certain defeat in 6NT.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PATTAWALLA
a. A messenger
b. Gossip
c. A dry watercourse

PULUT
a. A young chick
b. Sticky rice
c. A Southern Indian language

RIDLEY
a. A gaffe or indiscretion
b. A type of free verse
c. A turtle

OLD DART
a. England
b. A wooden-shafted golf club
c. A Devonian

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sir Stuart Milner-Barry

Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, in his day, one of Britain's leading players, died over the weekend. From 1938 until 1945, Sir Stuart was chess correspondent of *The Times*, a position he relinquished voluntarily to his friend and colleague, Harry Golombek, who also died earlier this year. Sir Stuart gave up his position on *The Times*, believing that a career in chess writing could not be conducted in parallel with his work for the civil service. He rose to the rank of under secretary in the Treasury and was knighted for his services in 1975.

Over the chessboard, Sir Stuart represented England in the Olympiads of 1937 at Stockholm, 1939 at Buenos Aires, 1952 in Helsinki and 1956 in Moscow. Although he never won the British championship, he did secure second place in the championship tournament of Hastings 1953. His reports for *The Times* on the AVRO tournament of 1938, organised in Holland (regarded by many as the strongest chess tournament ever held, containing Alekhine, Capablanca, Botvinnik, Euwe, Keres and Fine), were models of their kind.

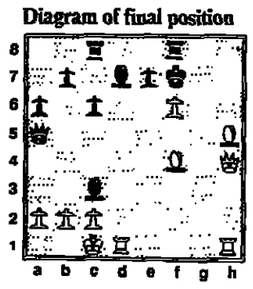
Sit Stuart's playing style was aggressive and sacrificial, usually aiming directly for the checkmate. He was always one to prefer a swashbuckling gambit, as the following fine victory demonstrates.

White: Sir Stuart Milner-Barry
Black: Mieses
Margate 1935

Nimzowitsch Defence

1	e4	Nc6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	d5	Ne5
5	f3	exf3
6	Nxf3	Nxf3+
7	Qxf3	Nf6
8	Bf4	a6
9	h3	g6
10	g4	Bg7
11	0-0-0	Bd7
12	Qg3	Rc8
13	Be2	0-0
14	h4	c6
15	h5	Nxd5
16	hxg6	Bxc3
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18	g5	Qa5
19	gxf6	h5
20	gxf7+	Kxf7
21	Bxh5+	Black resigns

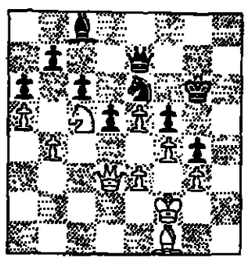
Diagram of final position



WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kelecevic - Freiburghaus, Berne 1995. In this equal looking position White spotted the opportunity for a decisive breakthrough. What did he play?



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FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Orlando 132 Golden State 98; Sacramento 104 Minnesota 98; Denver 102 Portland 98; Seattle 93 New York 82; LA Lakers 107 Houston 96

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Sunday: Chester 81 (Gardner 25, Johnson 17) Worthing 83 (Hamed 31, Irish 20) (OT); Sheffield 93 (Finch 22, Huggins 21) Thames Valley 75 (Bucknall 18, Scandlebury 18).

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield	34	28	6	3083	229056
London	33	26	7	2924	258452
Thames Valley	34	26	8	3153	281152
Doncaster	34	24	10	3039	283948
Manchester	34	24	10	2981	263248
Leopards	35	23	12	3107	285646
Worthing	35	19	16	3099	302238
Birmingham	34	16	18	2905	281732
Derby	35	10	25	2900	309820
Hemel	35	9	26	2830	333818
Leicester	35	8	27	2833	290416
Chester	35	6	29	2644	317312
Sunderland	33	4	29	2571	33108

BILLIARDS

DARLEY DALE: English Championships: Final: D Causier bt C Shutt 1,783-1,568.

CRICKET

CASTRIES, St Lucia (second day of four): Australians 322-5 (M J Slater 90, M E Waugh 73, S R Waugh 73 not out) v West Indies President's XI

BRISBANE: Sheffield Shield: Final (fourth day of five): South Australia 214 and 59-2; Queensland 664 (T Barsby 151, M Love 146, A Border 98, M Hayden 74)

FOOTBALL

European Under-21 Championship

Group six

IRELAND (0) 0 ENGLAND (0) 2
6,000
Sinclair 52
Shipperley 64

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Millwall 1 Arsenal 2.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Platense 2 Boca 2, Belgrano 0 Independiente 2; Racing 1 San Lorenzo 2, River 1 Ferro 1; Mandiyu 1 Lanus 2, Gimnasia de Jujuy 1 Arg Juniors 1; Newell's Old Boys 1 Rosario Central 1; Deportivo Espanol 2 Velez 0, Huracan 1 Talleres 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro championship: Flamengo 6 Entremense 0; Botafogo 3 Bangu 1; Fluminense 0 America 0. São Paulo championship: Corinthians 2 Bragantino 2; America 0 São Paulo 2, Palmeiras 3 Juventus 0, Portuguesa 1 Rio Branco 1, Novorizontino 2 Santos 1, Guarani 4 Uniao São Joao 1; Ferroviana 3 XV de Piracicaba 2; Aracatuba 2 Ponte Preta 0

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Semi-final draw: Kidderminster Harriers v Hyde United, Enfield or Rushden and Diamonds v Woking.

GOLF

PONTE VEDRA BEACH: Players' championship: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 283: L Janzen 69, 74, 69, 71 284: B Langer (Ger) 69, 71, 71, 73. 285: G Sauers 67, 72, 78, 68; P Stewart 69, 73, 71, 72. C Pavin 66, 73, 72, 74 286: B Bryant 72, 71, 72, 71; D Love III 73, 67, 74, 72. 287: L Mize 69, 77, 72, 69; B Andrade 74, 69, 73, 71, J Ozaki (Japan) 74, 70, 72, 71. 288: S Simpson 71, 72, 73, 72, B Claar 74, 70, 71, 73; S Stricker 69, 71, 74, 74. 289: C Stadler 73, 73, 75, 68; C Montgomerie (Scot) 79, 70, 71, 69, P Mickelson 73, 66, 75, 75; T Lehman 71, 73, 72, 74. 290: C Byrum 73, 71, 76, 70; M Calcavecchia 74, 75, 71, 70; L Clements 71, 71, 76, 72; B Mayfair 71, 77, 70, 72; J Maggert 71, 72, 72, 75. 291: J M Olazabal (Spain) 74, 72, 72, 73, 291, J Haas 74, 72, 75, 72, C Strange 75, 71, 72, 72, M McNulty (Zim) 76, 72, 71, 72, I Woosnam (Wales) 74, 69, 73, 75, M McCumber 71, 73, 72, 75 292: M Ozaki (Japan) 72, 72, 75, 73; M Bradley 75, 70, 74, 73, T Watson 72, 71, 75, 74, F Couples 73, 72, 73, 74, P Jacobsen 74, 69, 71, 78 293: B Estes 76, 73, 75, 69; J Leonard 73, 74, 72, 74, L Roberts 73, 72, 72, 76 294: D Frost (SA) 72, 74, 75, 73, S Ballesteros (Sp) 75, 68, 73, 78, N Price (Zim) 73 71, 75, 75: A Magee 70, 75, 72, 77, G Norman (Aus) 70, 74, 73, 77

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: (US unless stated): 1, N Price (Zim) 21.27pts av; 2, G Norman (Aus) 19.04; 3, N Faldo (GB) 18.51; 4, B Langer (Ger) 15.44; 5, E Els (SA) 14.74; 6, J M Olazabal (Sp) 14.42; 7, F Couples 13.37; 8, C Montgomerie (GB) 12.68; 9, C Pavin 11.37; 10, M Ozaki (Japan) 11.15; 11, F Zoeller 9.05; 12, I Woosnam (GB) 8.87; 13, S Ballesteros (Sp) 8.77; 14, D Frost (SA) 8.67; 15, T Lehman 8.57; 16, M McNulty (Zim) 8.36; 17, L Roberts 8.23; 18, V Singh (Fiji) 8.20; 19, M McCumber 8.00; 20, T Kite 7.67.

RANCHO MIRAGE: LPGA Dinah Shore tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 285: N Bowen 69, 75, 71, 70 286: S Redman 75, 70, 70, 71. 287: N Lopez 74, 71, 68; V B Burton 76, 71, 71, 69; S Turner 72, 74, 71, 70; L Davies (GB) 75, 69, 70, 73. 288: T Green 71, 70, 70, 77, C Walker 74, 73, 69, 72. 289: D Coe-Jones (Can) 71, 75, 71, 72. 290: C Pierce (GB) 77, 71, 73, 69. 291: E King 77, 75, 71, 68; B Mucha 74, 74, 72, 71, D Mochrie 78, 73, 70, 70; S Palmer 72, 73, 74, 72, D Massey 71, 75, 72, 73. 292: S Steinhauer 78, 73, 72, 68; A Nicholas (GB) 75, 74, 73, 70; A Dibos (Peru) 77, 74, 75, 66, P Bradley 74, 75, 71, 72; J Inkster 76, 70, 73, 73; T-J Myers 77, 69, 73, 74, M Estill 72, 72, 74, 74, N Mallon 74, 72, 71, 75. 293: M Spencer-Devlin 69, 79, 74, 71; A Sorenstam (Swe) 76, 74, 74, 69; K Albers 76, 72, 72, 73. 294: K Tschetter 75, 74, 73, 72; J Geddes 76, 75, 74, 69, L West 74, 75, 71, 74. 295: L Neumann (Swe) 75, 74, 74, 72, J Larsen 74, 76, 72, 73, D Eggeling 72, 78, 75, 70, C Ranck 74, 73, 78, 70, K Noble 71, 77, 71, 76.

UNIVERSITY MATCH (Royal Lytham and St Anne's): Oxford 8 Cambridge 7 (Oxford names first): Foursomes: S R Seman and N Paban lost to A J Murray and J S Young 2 and 1, J T A Martin-Jenkins and C J Rotheroe beat P O J Grundberg and S J Anthony 6 and 7; P J Hill and B R Payne lost to C F Cadlen and C A Saywell 2 and 1; J C S Hardie and W Dugdale lost to J E B Stobbs and F R McCoig 3 and 2, M S P Benke and A C C Wong lost to J B Tanter and M J Dawson. Foursomes result: Oxford 1 Cambridge 4. Singles: Benke bt McCoig 10 and 9, Rotheroe bt Dawson 8 and 6, Seman bt Grundberg 7 and 6, Dugdale halved with Murray; Hill halved with Cellieri, Martin-Jenkins lost to Saywell 1 hole; Payne bt Stobbs 1 hole; Hardie lost to Anthony 3 and 1, Wong bt Tanter 3 and 2; Paban bt Young 4 and 3. Singles result: Oxford 7 Cambridge 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey 5 NY Islanders 5 (OT), Hartford 4 Washington 3 (OT), Chicago 5 Anaheim 2; Florida 2 Pittsburgh 0, Quebec 11 Ottawa 4, Philadelphia 3 Buffalo 1, St Louis 5 Edmonton 1; Calgary 2 Vancouver 0, Los Angeles 7 San Jose 3.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke Beavers 11 Peterborough 7, Cardiff 5 Nottingham 3, Durham 10 Sheffield 4, Edinburgh 10 Bracknell 1, Humberside 9 Milton Keynes 6; Whitley 7 Fife 6. First division: Dumfries 5 Telford 13, Medway 9 Chelmsford 9, Swindon Wildcats 13 Paisley 7, Trafford 8 Blackburn 8.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Public Schools Doubles Championships: Junior colts: Final: Harrow (A Titchener-Barrett and C Wilson) bt Eton (R Wigan and R Beecroft), 15-6, 15-17, 8-15, 15-11, 15-4 Colts: Semi-finals: Rugby (S Angus and D Green) bt [illegible] 6, 1-15, 15-10, 15-8, 15-7; Radley (B Dean and A Went) bt Wellington (A and J Clowes), 18-16, 15-7, 15-1, 3-15, 15-7. First pairs: Semi-final: Rugby (R Carter and R Hicks) bt Wellington (M Perry and D Kinder), 15-7, 15-9, 17-15, 15-10. Seniors: Final: Rugby (R Carter and R Hicks) bt Eton (N Bailey and P Wigan) 15-8, 15-11, 7-15, 15-8, 10-15, 15-10. Second pairs championship: Eton (D Palmer-Tomkinson and C Braithwaite) bt Tonbridge (N Finlay and J Parker) 18-13, 15-8, 15-10, 7-15, 15-4.

REAL TENNIS

MANCHESTER: Oracle British Women's masters championship: Semi-finals (QB unless stated): G Dean bt J Vaughan 6-0, 6-0; B Bidouze (Fr) bt L Ronaldson 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. Final: Dean bt Bidouze 6-3, 6-2.

LORD'S: MCC All-comers final: P Jarvis bt J Ward, 5-8, 8-2, 6-1, 6-4.

ROWING

HENLEY: University boat races: Lightweight men: Cambridge bt Oxford one third of a length 5min.29sec (record). Women's second crews: Blondie (Cambridge) bt Osiris (Oxford) one length 6min.08sec (record).

RUGBY UNION

DU MANOIR CHALLENGE: Quarter-finals: Dax 17 Toulon 22, Narbonne 28 Begles 32; Montferrand 26 Bourgoin 3. Semi-final draw: Begles v Montferrand; Toulon v Toulouse or Lourdes.

SNOOKER

CO KILDARE: Benson and Hedges Irish Masters: Final: P Ebdon (Eng) bt S Hendry (Scot) 9-8 (frame scores in hold 27).

SQUASH

CARDIFF: British Open Championships: Men: Final: J Khan (Pak) bt P Marshall (Eng) 15-4, 15-4, 15-5. Over-35: Final: R Norman (NZ) bt M Ashraf (Ger) 9-3, 9-6, 9-1. Over-45: Final: A Kaoud (Egypt) beat D Adams (Eng) 9-4, 9-5, 9-4. Women: Final: M Martin (Aus) bt L Irving (Aus) 9-4, 9-7, 9-5. Over-35: Final: V Cardwell (Aus) bt E Brown (Eng) 10-8, 1-9, 9-0, 9-2.

TENNIS

KEY BISCAYNE: Lipton Championships: Finals: Men: A Agassi (US) bt P Sampras (US) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6.

NOTTINGHAM: Vauxhall Premier Trophy: Men: First round: Royal Berkshire Premier 2 Clearview Brentwood 0. C Williamson (Royal Berkshire Premier) bt D Ward (Clearview Brentwood) 6-2, 6-2. P Hand (Royal Berkshire Premier) bt G Bradford (Clearview Brentwood) 6-4, 6-3. David Lloyd Raynes Park bt Royal Berkshire 2-0, J Bates (David Lloyd Raynes Park) bt D Collins (Royal Berkshire) 6-1, 6-1; D Sapsford (David Lloyd Raynes Park) bt G Drake (Royal Berkshire) 6-4, 7-5. SSI Matchpoint Bramhall bt Centrecourt Basingstoke 2-0. M Wyeth (SSI Matchpoint Bramhall) bt P Hughesman (Centrecourt Basingstoke) 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; G Henderson (SSI Matchpoint Bramhall) bt S Alger (Centrecourt Basingstoke) 6-1, 6-3. Nottingham Leisure bt David Lloyd Rentrew 2-0. A Foster (Nottingham Leisure) bt M Kilday (David Lloyd Rentrew) 6-0, 6-0; R Matheson (Nottingham Leisure) bt D Watt (David Lloyd Rentrew) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Semi-finals (To be played today): Royal Berkshire Premier v SSI Matchpoint Bramhall; David Lloyd Raynes Park v Nottingham Leisure.

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: America's Cup: Semi-finals: Louis Vuitton Cup (challenger series): Team New Zealand (P Blake) bt Nippon '95 (M Namba) by 3min 54sec; one Australia (J Bertrand) bt Tag Heuer Challenge (C Dickson) by 40sec. Standings: 1, Team New Zealand 6pts, equal 2, Tag Heuer Challenge and one Australia 3; 4, Nippon '95 0. Citizen Cup (defender series): Young America (K Mahaney) bt Stars & Stripes (D Conner) dnf. Standings: 1, Young America 6; 2, Stars & Stripes 2; 3, America 1.

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Levy Board raises contribution to prize-money pool

By Julian Muscat

THE Horserace Betting Levy Board, effectively the sport's chancellor, yesterday announced a five per cent increase in its allocation towards next year's prize-money pool. The board, which annually contributes more than 50 per cent of total prize-money in Britain, has set aside £32.5 million for that purpose in 1996. The rise stems from increased revenues projected for the year ending April 1996 when the levy on betting turnover is expected to generate £55 million.

These gains, largely attributable to the deregulation of betting shops, including such measures as evening opening, have allowed the Levy Board to maintain prize-money contributions at twice the rate of inflation in the last ten years. If the figures paint a healthy picture, further growth in betting turnover should result from Sunday racing and a more co-ordinated programme of evening fixtures in summer.

But Sir John Sparrow, chairman of the board, warned that the National Lottery's impact on turnover could not yet be accurately measured. "It appears the lottery has had only a small effect, although the introduction of scratch cards [with instant cash prizes] will not help," Sparrow said.

Flat racing, which generates 60 per cent of betting turnover, will continue to receive the same percentage in prize-money allocations. However, after the abolition of all-weather jump racing, daily grants for all-weather racing are to be deducted solely from the Flat pool. This is good news for jumping owners: their share of prize-money grants is to increase by more than five per cent.

Sparrow also renewed his opposition to the British Horseracing Board's (BHB) stated aim of taking control of his board's distributive function. Sparrow's reservations are pertinent in respect of levy negotiations with the bookmakers, although on the issue of steeplechasing's decline, Sparrow's stands on less secure ground.

The Levy Board, a statute body, cannot operate along on lines of sentiment. It is all but obliged to distribute funds by a ratio of 60-40 in Flat racing's favour. Were it holding the purse strings, the BHB might consider raising jumps purses as a short-term remedy to the worsening problems. As things stand, it cannot entertain that option.

Indeed, so pressing is the cloud engulfing jump racing that it might be said to require emergency measures. The board makes provision for such measures, although it could easily argue that jump racing's problems stem from a lack of competition. There are a multitude of opportunities for better horses.

This, of course, is for the BHB to address. And so it goes on, back and forth. Jump racing's problems are suspended in the vacuum between the differing interests of the Levy Board and the BHB. Meanwhile, £40 million of Levy Board funds have been lent to racecourses, free of interest; a further £10 million has been allocated for each of the next two years.

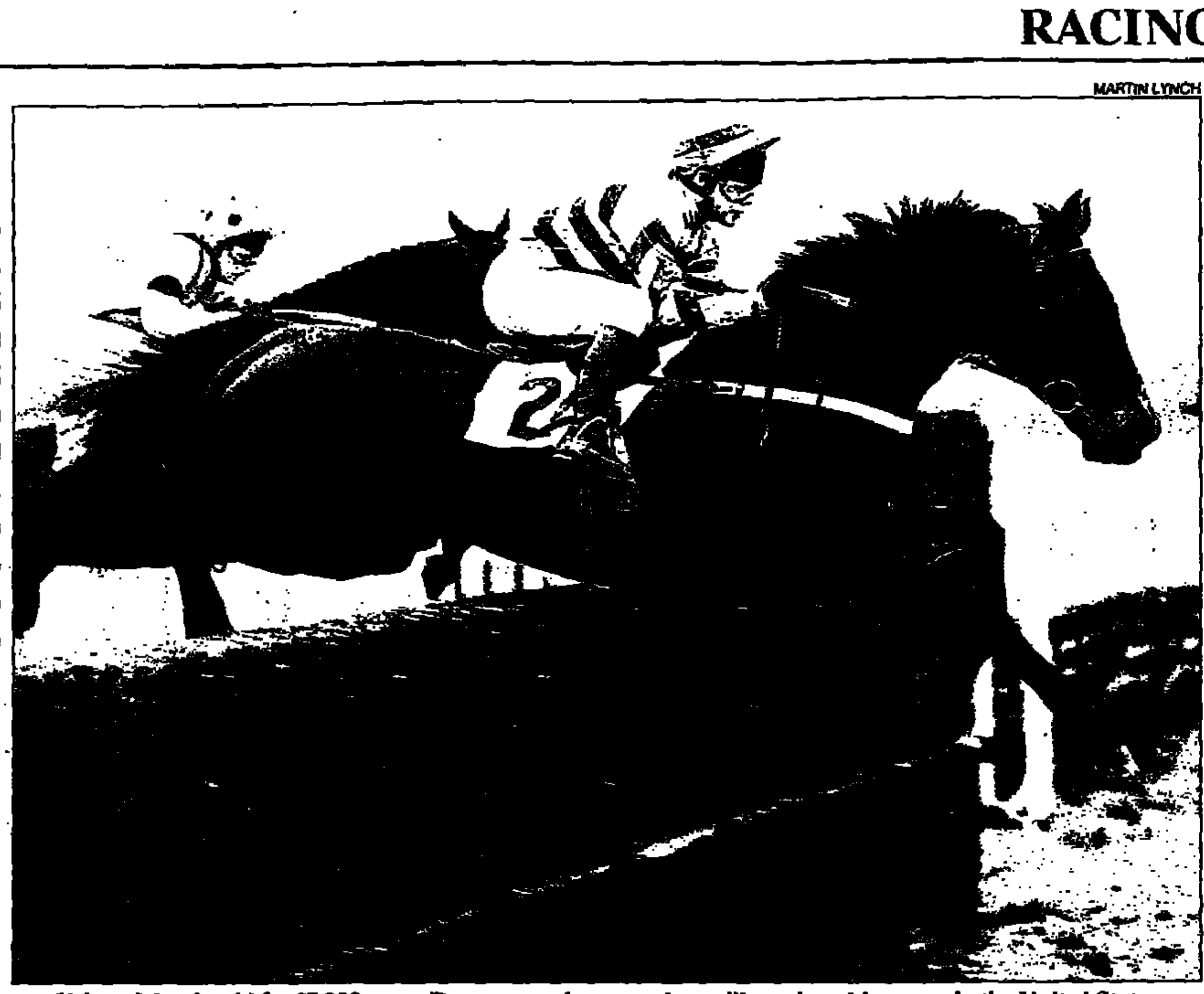
While welcome, the increase in prize-money for 1996 remains well short of the levels clamoured for by the British racing industry. In tacit acknowledgement that bookmakers' contributions are appropriate to their profits, Sparrow said that a significant increase could come only from a reduction in betting duty.

"The [cumulative effect of] tax on horserace betting is 39 per cent while the lottery is taxed at 24 per cent and casinos at 16 per cent," he said. "There is a strong case for saying that horserace betting is overtaxed," Sparrow said. He played down racing's prospects for an early reduction in betting duty, although added: "I would put a very high probability on a tax cut in the next three or four years."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: QUIET MISTRESS
(5.00 Towcester)
Next best: Run Up The Flag
(3.50 Sandown Park)

MARTIN LYNCH



Ushers Island, sold for 37,000gns at Doncaster sales yesterday, will continue his career in the United States

Japanese jockey booked for National

TSUYOSHI TANAKA, the champion jump jockey in Japan, will become the first Japanese jockey to ride in the Grand National when he partners The Committee at Aintree on April 8.

Tanaka, 34, has a career total of 184 winners and has won the Nakayama O-Shogai — the Japanese equivalent of the National and worth around £250,000 — three times, in 1981, 1987 and 1991. The O-Shogai is run twice a year, in the spring and autumn, over a distance of two miles, four and a half furlongs.

The Committee, a 12-year-old gelding trained in Co Kildare by Homer Scott, finished fourth to Esha Ness in the void Grand National of 1993 and has been allotted 8st 13lb in this year's race. He is a 50-1 chance with William Hill.

"He's been invited by The Committee's owners, Dominic Quinn and John Bailey, to ride him," Scott said. "I don't know much about him but he's won the Japanese Grand National which is worth an awful lot of money, so he must have plenty of courage.

"I'm told he rides well, and he will be coming over here either next Monday or Tuesday to ride work on The Committee, so he'll have about five days to get to know him."

The Committee, beaten a short head by Fighting Words in the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup at the Cheltenham Festival on his only start last season, has been disappointing this term. He won an open point-to-point in January but has failed to make the frame in his two outings under Rules, being pulled up behind Lucky Lane in the Midlands National at Uttoxeter last time out.

Scott remains hopeful, however, saying: "He's in fabulous form now. The ground at Uttoxeter was too sticky for him but he has been jumping out of his skin since he got back. He's in very, very good shape and we just want good ground for him to run a big race."

Agassi and Sampras join forces in Davis Cup cause

From Stuart Jones
Tennis Correspondent
in Key Biscayne

A FEW hours after winning the Lipton Championship, Andre Agassi left Florida in his jet. He was bound for New York City, to see Brooke Shields perform on Broadway yet again, time permitting, and among his passengers was the compatriot he had just beaten, Pete Sampras.

Two of the keenest rivals in sport agreed temporarily to suspend hostilities for the sake of a common patriotic cause. Yesterday they crossed the Atlantic together on Concorde and took a connecting flight to Palermo, where they will represent the United States in the Davis Cup quarter-final against Italy this weekend.

Their mutual accordance was necessary. If only one had gone, the other might have gained an edge in "the hunt for No 1", as Agassi calls it. In taking the decisive tie-break on Sunday, he closed the gap between them in the rankings to a negligible 227 points.

In spite of their stature, there can be no guarantee that the tennis world's No 1 and No 2 will be successful, particularly as the tie will be staged on clay. "It is not going to be easy," Agassi conceded. "That is why nobody wanted to go." Sampras pointed out that "we don't have a ton of time to prepare".

Three days to be precise. The Italians have been practising at home for a fortnight. Leading players, especially Americans and Germans, have not been prepared in the past to face such odds and put at risk their individual reputations. Neither Sampras and Agassi would have chosen to do so alone.

"He is a great team-mate to have," Sampras said. "He is one of the best clay courters in the world, I'm getting better and we have a solid doubles team. I like our chances." The pair will afterwards go their separate ways. Sampras is to stay in Europe and Agassi will travel to Asia.

They are not scheduled to compete in the same tournament until the French Open in May, an event at which victory has so far eluded both.

No mercy for title aspirants

RARELY can two superlative athletic performances, presented within minutes of each other, have been quite as contrasting as those produced by Australia's Michelle Martin and Pakistan's Jansher Khan in completing successful defences of their British Open squash championships at Cardiff on Sunday evening (Colin McQuillan writes).

Martin took her third successive title the hard way, for she struggled to find her usual fluency and touch against an inventive and positive opponent in Liz Irving, her fourth-seeded compatriot. Martin crafted a 9-4, 9-7, 9-5 victory in 43 minutes by applying superior physical reserves to patient basic squash.

Jansher, 25, gave the 2,000-strong audience what could have served as an exhibition in top class aggression, had the sympathies of most of the spectators not been with the 23-year-old British national champion and deeply ambitious world No 2, Peter Marshall, who was swept aside 15-4, 15-4, 15-5.

"I have never played better in a big final," Jansher said with satisfaction after earning his fourth successive title.

Marshall, whose head dropped in uncharacteristic dejection at the end of the contest, could find no adequate phrase in response.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.10 Martin's Lamp
2.45 Oatis Regrets
3.15 Wild Illusion
3.50 Percy Smollett
4.20 AROUND THE HORN (nap)
4.50 Cool Relation

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
3.15 COOL GROUND.

Brian Beel: 4.50 Cool Relation.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FRIM IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 GUNNER HERITAGE CAMPAIGN NOVICES CHASE
(£4,351: 2m) (4 runners)

1 4-11136 LEOTARD 53 (D,BF,G,S) (C Heath) D Sherwood 8-11-10 J Osborne 82
2 1612/12 MARTIN'S LAMP 101 (D,BF,G,S) (Mr & Mrs F Welch) D Nicholson 8-11-10 A Maguire
3 11U128 MEDINAS SWAN SONG 14 (D,G,S) (C Perry) R Hodges 7-11-10 A Tory 85
4 42F222 I HAVE HIM 10 (D,BF,F,G) (T Welter) A Jones 8-11-6 B Powell 81

BETTING: Evens Martin's Lamp, 11-4 Leotard, 9-2 Medinas Swan Song, 5-1 I Have Him.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LEOTARD 52½l 6th of 7 to Clay County in handicap chase at Kelso (2m 1f, good to soft). MARTIN'S LAMP 20l 2nd of 5 to Book Of Music in grade II Noel Novice Chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, good) with LEOTARD 10l 3rd. Previously beat Absalom's Lady 7l in the 5-runner grade II Flowers (FA Novice Chase at Cheltenham (2m, soft). MEDINAS SWAN SONG 35½l 6th of 11 to Klairon Davis in grade I Guinness Arkle Chase at Cheltenham (2m, soft). I HAVE HIM 10l 2nd to Sailors Luck in handicap chase at Hereford (2m, good to soft).
Selection: MARTIN'S LAMP

2.45 MOUSETRAP CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE
(£4,418: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 311F30 MASTER BOSTON 12 (G,S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 7-11-8 D Gallagher
2 6/1F3P1 OATIS REGRETS 18 (D,S) (D Gyle-Thompson) Miss H Knight 7-11-8 J Osborne 98
3 2021P4 DENVER BAY 28 (S) (B Naylor) J Gifford 8-11-4 A Maguire 79
4 000-46 MAREMMA GALE 17 (R Scorgie) N Mitchell 7-11-0 B Powell 63
5 2-F3P42 PENNINE PASS 7 (P Moore) D Williams 6-11-0 G Bradley 63

BETTING: 4-5 Oatis Regrets, 5-2 Master Boston, 4-1 Denver Bay, 12-1 Maremma Gale, 25-1 Pennine Pass

1994: MARTHA'S SON 7-11-8 R Dunwoody (8-15 fav) T Forster 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER BOSTON 37l 7th of 11 to Coulton in Cathcart Challenge Cup Chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft). OATIS REGRETS beat Sailor Jim 11l in 9-runner novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good to soft). DENVER BAY best effort this term beat Big Bad Wolf distance in 3-runner novice chase at Folkestone (2m 5f, soft). MAREMMA GALE 25½l 4th of 9 to Front Street in novice chase at Wincanton (2m, soft) on penultimate start. PENNINE PASS 15l 2nd of 6 to Lancetskis in maiden chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: OATIS REGRETS

3.15 ROYAL ARTILLERY GOLD CUP CHASE
(Amateurs: £3,550: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 22-F52R FIFTH AMENDMENT 11 (B,D,F,G,S) (T Ponsonby) C Mann 10-12-3 C Ward Thomas 79
2 3-P465P SILVERINO 50 (B,D,G,S) (P Fowler) G L Moore 9-12-3 A Wood 70
3 10-1221 WILD ILLUSION 18 (CD,F,G,S) (J Trice-Rolph) Miss J Pidgeon 11-12-3 J Trice-Rolph 90
4 FPP-UPP LIGHT THE WICK 18 (G) (S Robinson) Mrs S Mullins 9-12-0 S Robinson –
5 12PPPP PARSON'S WAY 18 (B,G) (14th Field Regiment Royal Artillery) A Jones 8-12-0 C Farr –
6 3F4PP3 COOL GROUND 18 (C,D,G,S) (D Churston) D Elsworth 13-11-7 D Alers-Hankey
7 0RJ0U GUNNER STREAM 10P (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Sims) A Sims 11-11-7 B Elliott –
8 -UP34 EAGLE TRACE 10P (S) (P Southcombe) P Southcombe 12-11-3 Miss W Southcombe 50
9 P0PP52 URQUARAT 27 (B,F) (J Berry) D Williams 9-11-3 O Ellwood 50
10 2 BENBULBIN 38P (14th Field Regiment Royal Artillery) Mrs S Mullins 5-10-8 G Chanter –

BETTING: 6-4 Cool Ground, 9-4 Wild Illusion, 7-2 Fifth Amendment, 12-1 Silverino, 14-1 Urquarat, 16-1 Benbulbin, 20-1 others

1994: WELLKNOWN CHARACTER 12-12-7 A Alers Hankey (6-1) P Nicholls 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

SILVERINO distant 5th of 11 to Woodlands Boy in handicap chase at Lingfield (3m, heavy) on penultimate start. WILD ILLUSION beat FIFTH AMENDMENT 15l in 9-runner hunter chase over course and distance (good to soft). COOL GROUND 16¾l 3rd of 16 to Country Member in amateurs chase over course and distance (good to soft) with GUNNER STREAM (2lb better off) 73¼l 8th. PARSON'S WAY pulled up 3 out and LIGHT THE WICK pulled up before last. EAGLE TRACE distant 4th of 14 to Young Brave in intermediate at Larkhill (3m, good to soft). URQUARAT 20l 2nd of 15 to Afterkelly in hunter chase at Taunton (4m 2f 110yd, soft). BENBULBIN 5l 2nd of 11 to See More Business in maiden at Larkhill (3m, good to soft).
Selection: COOL GROUND (nap)

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3.50 ALANBROOKE MEMORIAL CHASE
(Handicap: £4,531: 3m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 311111 PERCY SMOLLETT 26 (D,F,G,S) (R Murray) D Nicholson 7-11-12 A Maguire 98
2 F32S-UP SOLIDASAROCK 117 (D,F,G,S) (L Randall) R O'Sullivan 13-11-4 Mr M Rimell (5) 85
3 3-F1455 RUN UP THE FLAG 14 (D,F,G,S) (Pell-mell ptnrs) J Gifford 8-10-11 Mr C Bonner (5)
4 F253P3 SPIKEY 17 (D,G) (S Powell) J Jenkins 9-10-6 J Osborne 95

BETTING: 8-11 Percy Smollett, 3-1 Run Up The Flag, 5-1 Spikey, 6-1 Solidasarock.

1994: BUCK WILLOW 10-10-1 D Murphy (10-11 fav) J Gifford 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PERCY SMOLLETT beat Toureen Prince 4l in 11-runner handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good to soft). SOLIDASAROCK pulled up before 13th behind Over The Stream in 11-runner handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good). RUN UP THE FLAG about 22l 5th of 16 to Flyer's Nap in amateurs handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, soft). SPIKEY 4l 3rd of 5 to Mr Boston in handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: PERCY SMOLLETT

4.20 ROYAL ORDNANCE CHASE (Handicap: £4,410: 2m) (6 runners)

1 132113 AROUND THE HORN 12 (CD,G,S) (Pell-mell ptnrs) J Gifford 8-12-0 Mr C Bonner (5) 95
2 P416P3 RODEO STAR 24 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 9-11-5 G Bradley 94
3 PP-24F1 KING CREDO 17 (CD,G,S) (G Gornall) S Woodman 10-11-4 J F Titley 93
4 P-6P525 ATLAAL 33 (D,F,G,S) (D Donnelly) J Jenkins 10-11-3 J Osborne 98
5 2P4246 DR ROCKET 12 (D,F,G,S) (The Rocketeers) R Dickin 10-10-5 A Maguire
6 5F020-P NATHIR 10 (D,S) (Mrs J Coleman) P Butler 9-10-2 B Powell 84

BETTING: 11-8 Around The Horn, 15-8 King Credo, 5-1 Rodeo Star, 10-1 Atlaal, Dr Rocket, 16-1 Nathir

1994: SPREE CROSS 8-11-0 A Maguire (6-5 fav) Mrs D Haine 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

AROUND THE HORN 2l 3rd of 8 to Sound Reveille in handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, soft) with DR ROCKET (17lb better off) 55l 6th. RODEO STAR 11¾l 3rd of 9 to One More Dream in handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, good). KING CREDO beat Easthorpe 4l in 7-runner novice chase over course and distance (good to soft). ATLAAL 2½l 2nd of 5 to Northern Saddler in handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. DR ROCKET 34¼l last of 4 to Big Matt in handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, heavy) on penultimate start. NATHIR best effort last term 15l 2nd of 7 to Lady Ghislaine in handicap chase at Plumpton (2m 2f, heavy) April 1994.
Selection: AROUND THE HORN

4.50 UBIQUE HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,385: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 132-12P SANDYBRAES 12 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Catherwood) D Nicholson 10-12-6 R Johnson (7) 73
2 3312-11 COOL RELATION 32 (D,F,G,S) (D Caro) D Caro 9-12-2 A Phillips (7)
3 U13-4RF HERMES HARVEST 11 (G) (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 7-12-2 A Balding (7) 75
4 0P/P-0P CITY ENTERTAINER 10 (D,G,S) (Miss L Morgan) K Smith 14-11-12 G Brown (7) –
5 3/P-P3 SILVER CANNON 31P (D,F,B) (J Wall) Miss A Newton-Smith 13-11-12 P Bull (7) –
6 FP/P-P SPICE MERCHANT 47 (F) (R Jenks) N Mitchell 9-11-12 N Mitchell (7) –
7 /P62-6P TILDARG 31P (CD,G,S) (A Baxter) J Dufosee 11-11-12 R Nuttall (7) 50
8 21353 WAY OF LIFE 10P (G,S) (J Ferguson) Mrs G Hay 10-11-12 J Ferguson (7) 54
9 112/4-43 FIT FOR FIRING 15 (D,F,G,S) (W Smith) W Smith 11-11-7 T McCarthy (7) 56
10 5-63P INCH GALE 17P (B) (Mrs A Davies) M Gingell 8-11-3 M Gingell (7) –

BETTING: 4-9 Cool Relation, 5-2 Sandybraes, 16-1 Hermes Harvest, Tildarg, 20-1 Fit For Firing, 25-1 others.

1994: AMARI KING 10-11-13 C Ward Thomas (13-2) J Wall 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

SANDYBRAES neck 2nd of 11 to Itsgoneoff in hunter chase at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. COOL RELATION beat Teaplanter 25l in hunter chase at Kempton (3m, heavy). Earlier beat Duncan a distance in 9-runner hunter chase at Newbury (2m 4f, heavy) with FIT FOR FIRING (8lb better off) over 40l 4th. HERMES HARVEST best effort this term 29l 4th to Master Eryl in hunter chase at Ludlow (2m, good to soft). SILVER CANNON tailed off 3rd of 5 to Magical Morris in open at Charing (good to soft). TILDARG 49l last of 8 to Whats In Orbit in conditional jockeys handicap chase at Worcester (2m, good to soft). WAY OF LIFE 31l 3rd to Copper Thistle in club members event at Horseheath (good to soft)
Selection: COOL RELATION

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Nicholson	27	79	34.2	C Ward Thomas	9	22	40.9
S Woodman	3	9	33.3	J Trice-Rolph	4	11	36.4
Miss H Knight	4	22	18.2	A Maguire	19	88	21.6
J Gifford	27	151	17.9	O Ellwood	3	16	18.8
O Sherwood	8	53	15.1	A Tory	3	19	15.8
R Hodges	3	22	13.6	J Osborne	18	120	15.0

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

MADAGANS 1,000 GUINEAS
Newmarket, May 7

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Corals	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Moonshell	8-1	6-1	5-1	6-1
Red Carnival	10-1	8-1	8-1	9-1
Aqaarid	14-1	12-1	10-1	14-1
Epagris	12-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Fairy Path	16-1	14-1	12-1	14-1
Harayir	16-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Jural	14-1	16-1	16-1	14-1
Gay Gallanta	14-1	25-1	25-1	14-1
Alusha	33-1	25-1	33-1	33-1
Hoh Magic	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Macoumba	25-1	33-1	25-1	25-1
Trimming	33-1	25-1	20-1	25-1
Lovely Millie	33-1	33-1	33-1	25-1
Myself	50-1	33-1	33-1	33-1

NOW that the turf Flat season is under way the bookmakers will soon turn their attention to shortening prices among the market leaders in both Guineas. With Celtic Swing rightly dominating the 2,000 Guineas market there is little value to be found in the race, but the 1,000 Guineas is a much more open affair with the favourite, Moonshell, looking vulnerable to an opponent [illegible]. Moonshell has had the benefit of spending the winter months in Dubai — an experiment which worked so well last year with Balanchine — but the form of her only outing last season, when winning over a mile at Doncaster, [illegible]. She is likely to prove best over [illegible]. Aqaarid makes more appeal, having won the group one Hoover Fillies Mile at Ascot on her final outing last season. It is possible to argue that she was a slightly fortuitous winner [illegible] runner-up, Jural, had no [illegible] open to further improvement. [illegible] John Dunlop, has won the 1,000 Guineas three times, in 1980, 1990 and 1991.

However, the best bet at this stage is Red Carnival at 10-1 with Corals. Unbeaten in two starts, she did particularly well to win the group three Cherry Hinton Stakes on Newmarket's July course by a short head from Harayir, having been held up in a slowly run race and forced to make up a lot of ground in the final 1½ furlongs. She has reportedly wintered well and will have a prep race in either the Fred Darling at Newbury or the Nell Gwyn at Newmarket provided the ground is not too testing. As long as she arrives at the Guineas without a setback the 10-1 will look very attractive indeed.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Supposin. 2.55 High Mind. 3.25 Young Miner. 4.00 Be My Era. 4.30 Wolf Winter. 5.00 Quiet Mistress. 5.30 Merlins Dream.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.20 HARPOLE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,588: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

101 4232 LADY GHISLAINE 14 (D,G,S) F Murphy 8-12-0 R Dunwoody 93
102 60F4 BALLY PARSON 6 (G) R Dickin 9-11-6 D Meredith (3)
103 P-0P MONKSANDER 40 (C,G) P Ritchens 9-11-0 S Fox (5) 80
104 3645 SUPPOSIN 49 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-13 Richard Guest 93
105 03U1 RUPPLES 6 (D,F,G) M Chapman 8-10-11 (7ex) W Worthington 91
106 P44P YOUNG ALFIE 11 (B,CD,S) J Pearce 10-10-6 A P McCoy 92

2-1 Lady Ghislaine, 5-2 Rupples, 7-2 Bally Parson, 7-1 Supposin, 8-1 Young Alfie, 10-1 Monksander.

2.55 HARLESTONE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £2,425: 2m) (14)

201 0334 BONNIFER 54 M Wilkinson 6-11-3 G McCourt 96
202 0-00 BUNGEE JUMPER 125 T Forster 5-11-3 R Dunwoody –
203 -000 COURTOWN BOY 108 (G) O O'Neill 5-11-3 V Slattery 65
204 0-0P DUKE OF LANCASTER 27 Mrs J Pitman 6-11-3 W Marston –
205 P FATHERS FOOTPRINTS 27 J Bradley 7-11-3 R Farrant –
206 4-22 FENGARI 89 A Aylett 6-11-3 M A Fitzgerald 90
207 3252 HIGH MIND 22 Miss L Siddall 6-11-3 D Bridgwater
208 KUMARI KING A Turnell 5-11-3 D Morris –
209 P250 LYME GOLD 46 D Sherwood 6-11-3 J A McCarthy 96
210 0000 OLD ALE 50 J Curtis 5-11-3 L O'Hara –
211 64-0 TANGO'S DELIGHT 19 D Elsworth 7-11-3 P Holley 77
212 00U RESTANDBEHOPEFUL 7 Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-9 R Davis –
213 003 MISS THE POST 18 D Nicholson 4-10-4 N Williamson 90
214 P STORM HEIGHTS 20 Mrs A Hamilton-Fairley 4-10-4 M Perrett –

5-2 High Mind, 4-1 Bonnifer, 6-1 Miss The Post, 8-1 Fengari, 10-1 Courtown Boy, Tango's Delight, Lyme Gold, 14-1 others.

3.25 WELL TO DO CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap chase: £3,459: 3m 1f) (12)

301 1261 TORT 19 (CD,G,S) P Dalton 11-12-0 N Williamson 95
302 2FP0 DRAGONS DEN 26 (F,G,S) S Sherwood 9-11-9 M Richards 89
303 4045 ANNIO CHILONE 17 (G,S) J Gifford 9-11-8 L Aspell (7) 92
304 F143 POSTMAN'S PATH 33 (C,B,S) T Forster 9-11-4 R Dunwoody 93
305 2315 PRINCE YAZA 29 (F,G,S) J Curtis 8-10-11 L O'Hara
306 4P02 YOUNG MINER 13 (D,G,S) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 9-10-10 G Upton 96
307 2524 GINGER TRISTAN 20 (G,S) D Grissell 9-10-10 Peter Hobbs 93
308 3155 MWEENISH 10 (C,G,S) J Webber 13-10-4 R Bellamy 96
309 1-UP BOTTLE BLACK 50 (S) Miss K George 8-10-1 V Slattery –
310 33F5 DENNINGTON 11 (G) G Hubbard 7-10-0 A P McCoy 80
311 0-23 LEAGAUNE 20 (C,S) T Casey 13-10-0 D Bridgwater 87
312 04P5 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 7 (V,CD,F) P Pritchard 10-10-0 R Davis 78

3-1 Tort, 9-2 Postman's Path, 6-1 Annio Chilone, 7-1 Prince Yaza, 8-1 Dragons Den, Young Miner, Mweenish, 12-1 others.

4.00 WHILTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,338: 2m) (15)

401 1001 TIR NA NOG 97 (B,D,F,G) Miss L Shally 6-11-11 J Ryan
402 4400 RIVER LEVEN 34 (B,S) D Candolo 6-11-3 M Dwyer 89
403 6013 JASON'S BOY 18 (S) J Bradley 5-10-12 N Williamson 93
404 P000 EYRE POINT 24 Mrs J Pitman 6-10-11 W Marston 80
405 30F0 STEVE FORD 33 C Nash 6-10-11 R Dunwoody 80
406 -F45 BE MY ERA 75 (G) N Babbage 7-10-9 W Humphreys 98
407 0-5F SAMS QUEEN 33 J Upson 6-10-9 R Supple 90
408 600 SOVEREIGN SPRAY 101 J Curtis 5-10-7 L O'Hara 80
409 /P0 KENNETT SQUARE 46 Lady Eliza Mays-Smith 6-10-6 J A McCarthy –
410 .045 PLATINI 11 G Balding 4-10-6 A P McCoy 90
411 0P31 GALAXY RAIN 17 (D,S) B McMahon 4-10-2 G Robertson (7) 89
412 -F60 FRUITFUL AFFAIR 13 T Thomson Jones 6-10-1 M A Fitzgerald –
413 600 DENAU'S MAESTRO 15 Mrs D Haine 7-10-1 D Bridgwater –
414 604P QUEENS CONTRACTOR 97 S Mellor 5-10-0 M Perrett 95
415 0-P0 ARDENT LOVE 68 O Brennan 6-10-0 A S Smith –

3-1 Jason's Boy, 7-2 Tir Na Nog, 8-1 Galaxy Rain, Eyre Point, 10-1 Steve Ford, Be My Era, 12-1 Platini, 14-1 others.

4.30 NOBOTTLE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,975: 2m 6f) (11)

501 F231 RUSTIC SUNSET 10 (S) A Turnell 8-11-8 S McNeill
502 1P6F SIMON JOSEPH 13 (S) T George 8-11-8 T Jenks 94
503 0060 CELTIC SILVER 127 Mrs S Smith 7-11-2 Richard Guest –
504 4052 IRISH STAMP 48 (S) F Murphy 8-11-2 M Dwyer 98
505 0PP5 MR WENDYL 8 C Tinkler 7-11-2 L Harvey –
506 0630 PETTAUGH 11 G Hubbard 7-11-2 A Thornton –
507 36-F SMITH TOO 109 (F,G) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-2 W Marston –
508 -000 THE JET SET 19 (S) Mrs H Parrott 8-11-2 V Slattery –
509 P456 WODEHOUSE 88 J Bosley 10-11-2 M Bosley 93
510 22-0 WOLF WINTER 136 (G) J Old 10-11-2 T Grantham –
511 3P/0 KEEP ON TRYING 34 Mrs M McCourt 8-10-11 J A McCarthy –

9-4 Rustic Sunset, 4-1 Irish Stamp, 9-2 Smith Too, 5-1 Wolf Winter, 7-1 Simon Joseph, 12-1 Wodehouse, 20-1 others.

5.00 CHURCH BRAMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,233: 3m) (15)

601 -P56 HURRICANE BLAKE 45 (B,F,G) D Grissell 7-12-0 Peter Hobbs 92
602 3-51 BLACK H'PENNY 40 (S) J Old 7-11-6 T Grantham 90
603 66-2 JIMSTER 183 (F,S) C Nash 13-10-13 R Dunwoody –
604 3F00 JUST ONE CANALETTO 26 (S) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-12 C Llewellyn
605 3120 EXEMPLAR 11 (F) Mrs S Smith 7-10-12 Richard Guest 85
606 5-FF GROOMSMAN 13 (V,G) N Babbage 9-10-8 W Humphreys 95
607 -503 RELTIC 28 (D,G) C Broad 8-10-7 W Marston 80
608 F030 LODESTONE LAD 24 (B) R Dickin 5-10-8 D Meredith (3) 91
609 -P03 BAJAN AFFAIR 22 (G) Miss L Siddall 5-10-3 A Thornton 97
610 -213 QUIET MISTRESS 13 (S) W Bethell 5-10-2 A S Smith 95
611 P-06 SUEZ CANAL 15 (S) F Jordan 6-10-2 J Lodder 80
612 -U65 SIR CRUSTY 13 (D,F,G,S) O O'Neill 13-10-2 P Maddock (7) 98
613 3P10 CARABUCK 22 (S) R Rowe 8-10-0 E Murphy 94
614 04P2 CATS RUN 36 J Upson 7-10-0 R Supple 86
615 -03P ESCADARO 28 (V) Mrs V Ward 8-10-0 N Williamson 82

7-2 Quiet Mistress, 9-2 Black H'Penny, 6-1 Reltic, 8-1 Jimster, 10-1 Just One Canaletto, Bajan Affair, Cats Run, 12-1 others.

5.30 HARLESTONE MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £2,408: 2m) (13)

1 133U ACT THE WAG 15 (G) A Turnell 6-11-3 S McNeill 90
2 CHRISTIAN SPIRIT 12F B Pearce 5-11-3 A Thornton –
3 5-26 JAPACADA 134 S Mellor 5-11-3 N Mann 89
4 030 KAIFOON 15 P Ritchens 6-11-3 S Fox (5) 79
5 -602 MERLINS DREAM 75 O Sherwood 6-11-3 M Richards 78
6 0 MONTEZUMAS REVENGE 17 M Wilkinson 7-11-3 P Ward (7) –
7 0 SHIP THE BUILDER 38 R Fahey 6-11-3 M Dwyer –
8 5-P0 B MY LOVELY 49 O O'Neill 5-10-12 V Slattery –
9 CIPRIANI QUEEN 906F J Gifford 5-10-12 P Hide –
10 0F KERRY JANE 33 N Babbage 5-10-12 W Humphreys –
11 RP PENDIL'S DELIGHT 19 Mrs D Haine 6-10-12 N Williamson –
12 34 JOYS FIRST 31 H Collingridge 4-10-9 D Bridgwater 94
13 4324 KALASADI 11 (B) Miss J Doyle 4-10-9 M A Fitzgerald

5-2 Kalasadi, 3-1 Merlins Dream, 5-1 Act The Wag, 8-1 Cipriani Queen, 12-1 Kaifoon, Christian Spirit, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 16 winners from 53 runners, 30.2%; O Brennan, 22 from 92, 23.9%; Mrs J Pitman, 12 from 51, 23.5%; T Thomson Jones, 5 from 23, 21.7%; P Dalton, 6 from 29, 20.7%; J Old, 7 from 34, 20.6%.

JOCKEYS: M Perrett, 5 winners from 23 rides, 21.7%; T Jenks, 3 from 14, 21.4%; N Mann, 3 from 16, 18.8%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 116, 18.1%; W Marston, 10 from 57, 17.5%; N Williamson, 11 from 66, 16.7%.

Blinkered first time

NEWCASTLE: 5.10 Never So Fit. TOWCESTER: 5.00 Groomsman. 5.30 Kalasadi.

Newcastle abandoned

SNOW ruled out today's meeting at Newcastle when the course failed to survive an inspection yesterday afternoon. Yesterday's meeting at Hexham was called off because the course was waterlogged. It was the 65th jumps meeting lost this season.

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

Sunday

AVON VALE (Barbury Castle): Mdn I 1, Holy Mackerel (N Sutton, 1-3 fav). 2, So High; 3, Nip Of Irish. 3 ran. Hunt 1, Roaming Shadow (J Hankinson, 4-6 fav); 2, Sandford Orcas; 3, Romany Ruler. 5 ran. Mdn (Div II) 1, Highland Jack (G Maundrell, 6-1); 2, Inky; 3, Hizal. 5 ran. Open 1, Falside (T Underwood, 7-4); 2, Burannpour; 3, Twist 'N' Scu. 3 ran. Ladies 1, Bond Jr (Miss P Curling, 5-4 fav); 2, Cornish Cossack; 3, Space Cappa. 8 ran. BFSS (Nov Riders) 1, 1, Tartan Trademark (R Pyman, 4-5 fav); 2, Nky Su; 3, What A To Do. 8 ran. Confined 1, Paper Days (S Bush, 7-2); 2, Bantel Buccaneer; 3, The Holy Golfer. 8 ran. BFSS (Nov Riders) II 1, Westerlands Queen (A Charles-Jones, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Proud Point; 3, Archie's Nephew. 6 ran.

NORTH LEDBURY (Upton-on-Severn): Hunt 1, Shannsk (J Rudge, 6-4 fav); 2, Homme D'Affaire; 3, Hackett's Farm. 8 ran. Confined 1, Frome Boy (C Nenadich, 8-1); 2, Athletes' Week; 3, Frampton House. 7 ran. Open 1, Pont De Paix (Julian Pritchard, 1-2 fav); 2, Shadow Walker. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Rest I 1, My Guy (A Steel, 7-2); 2, Montys Gunner; 3, Haven Light. 8 ran. Rest II 1, Down The Mine (E Williams, Evens fav); 2, Amy's Boy; 3, Hills Little One. 13 ran. Ladies 1, Stephens Pet (Miss S Wallin, 1-4 fav); 2, Anstos. Only 2 finished. 4 ran. Mdn I 1, Sudanor (D Duggan, 4-5 fav); 2, Playing The Fool; 3, Kilrose Lad. 6 ran. Mdn II 1, High Degree (S Hart, 14-1); 2, Cruise A Hoop; 3, Bucks Flee. 12 ran.

OAKLEY (Newton Bromswold): Hunt 1, Henfield (G Tawell, 5-4 fav); 2, Nipper. Only 2 finished. 3 ran. Confined 1, Copper Thistle (P Taiano, Evens fav); 2, Welsh Singer; 3, Turnbrit. 8 ran. Open 1, Brown Windsor (B Pollock, 1-4 fav); 2, Joburn. Only 2 finished. 4 ran. Ladies 1, Thamesdown Tootsie (Miss V Lyon, 4-5 fav); 2, Green Archer; 3, Angel Fare. 7 ran. PPOA I 1, Fighting Mariner (John Pritchard, 25-1); 2, Milled Oats; 3, Manners To Burn. 8 ran. PPOA II 1, Lord Of The West (J Greenall, 4-5 fav); 2, Tarry Awhile; 3, Perboy. 11 ran. Mdn I 1, Holmby Mill (B Pollock, 5-2 fav); 2, Goldtopper; 3, Sandy King. 9 ran. Mdn II 1, Dromore Dream (J Greenall, 4-1); 2, Apple Nicking; 3, Billy Brockton. 9 ran. Mdn III 1, Arble March (A Hill, 5-2); 2, Sabre King; 3, Royal Exhibition. 8 ran.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Folkestone

Going: good (soft in places)

1.50 (6f 189yd) 1, Double Rush (J Reid, 100-30); 2, Snero 'N Smart (7-4 fav); 3, Sobeloved (20-1). 7 ran. NR: The Stager. Nk, ¾l. T Mills. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.74.

2.20 (6f 189yd) 1, Orthorhombus (M Rimmer, 20-1); 2, Just Harry (6-1); 3, Shepherd Market (16-1); 4, Mannosky (16-1). Greatest 9-2 jt-fav. 18 ran. Nk, sh hd. D Cosgrove. Tote: £25.30; £3.90, £2.10, £3.80, £7.10. DF: £43.50. Trio: £993.80. CSF: £127.99. Tricast: £1,819.34.

2.50 (6f) 1, Tiheros (T Quinn, 7-2); 2, La Suquet (11-4); 3, Woodnaing (12-1). Crimson Shower 15-8 fav. 6 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.90; £1.80, £1.90. DF: £4.30. CSF: £12.06.

3.20 (5f) 1, Nordico Princess (R Cochrane, 8-4 fav); 2, Harry's Coming (16-1); 3, Rustic League (16-1). 8 ran. 2¼l, 1¼l. G Oldroyd. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £2.00, £3.20. DF: £11.20. CSF: £21.75. Tricast: £249.92.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, Iron N Gold (F Norton, 25-1); 2, Rocky Forum (6-1); 3, Al Comiche (7-1). Inchkeith 3-1 fav. 11 ran. 2½l, 3l. S Dow. Tote: £31.90; £4.80, £1.20, £2.80. DF: £114.20. Trio: £159.60. CSF: £148.05. Tricast: £1,055.48.

4.20 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Queens Stroller (D Harrison, 7-1); 2, Jemima Puddleduck (7-1); 3, Krayyan Dawn (14-1). Shoofk 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Canary Falcon. Hd, 1¾l. C Elsey. Tote: £7.30; £2.80, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £22.60. Trio: £88.40. CSF: £52.67. Tricast: £608.95.

4.50 (5f) 1, Maggi For Margaret (C Rutter, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Dancing Lottie (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Lincon Twenty One (5-1). 7 ran. 6l, 2½l. M Channon. Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £2.40. DF: £5.40. CSF: £6.81.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £58,829.77 carried forward to Towcester today).

Placepot: £415.00. Quadpot: £57.80.

Nottingham

Going: good

2.10 (2m 4f ch) 1, Nomadic Fire (R Davis, 4-1 fav); 2, Heathview (9-2); 3, Turpin's Green (14-1). 10 ran. NR: Rectory Boy, Rip The Calico. 5l, 1¾l. J Mullins. Tote: £4.20; £1.50, £2.10, £2.00. DF: £15.10. Trio: £105.60. CSF: £21.26. Tricast: £209.20.

2.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Seachange (R Supple, 7-2); 2, The Shy Padre (11-1); 3, Nlue Flats (20-1). Fixturessecretary 7-4 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, 25l. M Wilkinson. Tote: £4.40; £2.30, £2.80, £7.10. DF: £21.70. CSF: £41.63.

3.10 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Wise Approach (S McNeill, 10-1); 2, Friendly Lady (6-1); 3, Celtic Town (11-10 fav). 5 ran. 1l, 20l. K Bailey. Tote: £7.60; £3.60, £2.00. DF: £15.90. CSF: £53.30.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, Mariner's Air (M Fitzgerald, 8-4 fav); 2, Vasiliev (11-2); 3, Innocent George (8-1). 7 ran. 6l, 12l. J Spearing. Tote: £2.30; £2.00, £3.40. DF: £9.50. CSF: £13.96.

4.10 (2m ch) 1, Iasyin (R Garritty, 7-2); 2, Wickfield Lad (3-1); 3, Dawn Chance (10-1). Jimmy The Gillie 11-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Howgill. 13l, 11l. M W Easterby. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £2.30. DF: £7.70. CSF: £13.40.

4.40 (2m flat) 1, Agistment (W Dwan, 10-1); 2, Governor Daniel (20-1); 3, El Rubio (33-1). Purevalue 2-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Uncle Bert. ¾l, nk. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £17.00; £4.10, £5.30, £29.60. DF: £112.00. CSF: £181.12.

5.10 (2m flat) 1, Whip Hand (W Dwan, 5-2); 2, Joshua's Vision (7-1); 3, Bradkor Penny (14-1). Chapillera 2-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: The Naughty Vicar, Upham Rascal. 4l, 6l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £2.50, £5.60. DF: £12.10. CSF: £21.35.

Placepot: £14,442.80 (part won; pool of £5,855.21 carried forward to Towcester today). Quadpot: not won (pool of £44.20 carried forward to Towcester today).

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Dark Blues weigh in with 5lb a man advantage over favourites

Oxford bank on bulk to redress Boat Race balance

BY MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD, the challengers, scaled 5lb a man heavier than Cambridge at the official weigh-in at the Hurlingham Club yesterday for the 141st Boat Race on Saturday (2.30pm). Neither crew, Oxford at an average 14st 7lb and Cambridge at 14st 2lb, threatened to topple Oxford's 1987 and 1990 crews, who weighed in at 14st 11½lb per head.

The heaviest man involved this year is Laird Reed, of Oxford, an American who made his mark on the British scene by coaching Eton's successful second eight last year while on a scholarship to teach in this country. Laird's 15st 5lb, however, does not threaten Chris Heathcote, at 17st 4lb, for Oxford in 1990.

The crews appear to have put on weight in recent weeks: the margin of Oxford's advantage is the surprise and a psychological lift to the Dark Blues, whose odds before the weigh-in yesterday stood at 2-1 with Cambridge quoted as favourites at 3-1 on.

There did seem to be some taking of water by Oxford before the weigh-in, Jeremiah McLanahan, Oxford's American president, commenting: "I am very thirsty."

The Cambridge average is affected by the presence of the two lightest men in the race, their stroke, Miles Barnett, at 13st 7lb, and Dirk Bangert, who is gaining his third Blue, at 13st. Roger Taylor, who is 14st 4lb, enters the record books as Cambridge's heaviest bowman.

Abbie Chapman, the ninth woman to steer in the Boat Race, won the cox's contest, weighing in at 7st 11lb, the lightest for Oxford since Sue Brown in 1982. At 4ft 10in, she is raised higher in the boat by a contraption involving two seats and foam rubber.

Chapman, joins a line of Oxford coxes to have benefited from the Tideway knowledge and tutoring of Bert Green, who has been associated with Oxford as waterman since 1950. Beefeater Gin, the Boat Race sponsors, gave three unexpected "unsung hero awards" for the Boat Race yesterday and Green received the award for Oxford.

Cambridge's award went to Heidi Richardson, the Blue boat's physiotherapist for three years and an overall award went to Chas Newens, owner of many of the launches that follow Boat Race crews.

The weigh-in split a day when the crews found the Tideway at its most inhospitable, with a strong northwesterly wind whipping up the waves. Dan Topolski, Oxford's rowing director, was rubbing his hands with glee. Robin Williams, whose Cambridge crew enjoyed the calm of Nottingham last week, seemed unperturbed. "We showed when we raced Nottingham County that we can handle rough water."

The crews did not seem to be distracted by the day's media festivities and attention. Penny Chuter, the Oxford coach, said: "We turn it into a positive experience. It prepares them for the big day." Williams regarded it as "faintly amusing and all good fun. Our blokes are level-headed."

Oxford's evening outing against a strong Old Blues crew was conducted without their No 3 man, Boris Mavra, who was suffering from a sore throat.

TODAY'S OUTINGS: Oxford 9.30am and 4pm; Cambridge 9.30am and 4.30pm.



Chapman, the Oxford cox, receives a lift from Marko Banovic, left, of Cambridge, and Reed, of Oxford, at the weigh-in yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

BOAT RACE CREWS

CAMBRIDGE	OXFORD
Bow — *R D Taylor *Shrewsbury and Trinity Hall, 21, 6ft 3in, 14st 4lb*	Bow — J R W Kawaja *Upper Canada College, Princeton, US and Mansfield; age 23, 6ft 3in, 13st 9½lb*
2 — *R C Phelps *Latymer Upper School and St Edmund's; 29, 6ft 5in, 14st 1lb*	2 — G Rosengren *Vallejo Senior HS, US, Harvard and New College; 23, 6ft 1in, 14st 3lb*
3 — S B Newton *Radley College and Emmanuel, 24, 6ft 3in, 14st 10lb*	3 — *B Mavra *Matematicka Gimnazija, Belgrade, Imperial College, London and Jesus; 25, 6ft 5in, 14st 13lb*
4 — *M H Parish *Eton College, University of London and St Edmund's; 23, 6ft 4in, 14st 7lb*	4 — L St Reed *St Mark's School, US, Princeton and St Catherine's; 25, 6ft 4in, 15st 5lb*
5 — *D Bangert *Deutschhaus Gymnasium Wurzburg, University of Wurzburg and Fitzwilliam; 27, 6ft 2in, 13st*	5 — J B McLanahan *Middlesex School, Massachusetts, Yale and Pembroke, age 25, 6ft 5in, 14st 11½lb*
6 — S A Brownlee *St Bedes College, Christchurch, University of Canterbury, Chrischurch, New Zealand and St Edmund's, 25, 6ft 6in, 14st 8lb*	6 — H S Compon *Salsbury School, Harvard, Munich University and Keble; 28, 6ft 3in, 14st 2lb*
7 — M Banovic *School of Applied Arts, Zargreb, Croatia, North Eastern University, Boston, US and St Edmund's, 27, 6ft 4in, 14st 2lb*	7 — *D R H Clegg *Radley, University College London and Keble, 24, 6ft 3in, 14st 6½lb*
Stroke — M P Barnett *Harrogate GS and Queens', 21, 6ft 2in, 13st 7lb*	Stroke — J-I Throndsen *Drammen Gymnasium, Norway, UCLA and St Peter's; 23, 6ft 2in, 14st 0½lb*
Coxswain — R S Slatford *KCS, Wimbledon, Hatfield College, Durham and Hughes Hall, 25, 5ft 7in, 8st 11½lb*	Coxswain — A C Chapman *Lady Eleanor Holles and St Hilda's; 19, 4ft 10in, 7st 1lb*

* denotes a Blue

Sheffield set seal on speedy rise to top

NORMAN DE MESQUITA

SHEFFIELD Steelers ice hockey club was born, in the autumn of 1991, out of the ashes of Solihull Barons and less than four years later they are the British premier division champions.

It is a remarkable success story because when they moved into the 8,300-seat Sheffield Arena it was thought unlikely they could fill it in an area that had little or no ice hockey tradition. Crowds in excess of 8,000 are now the norm.

They secured their first title with an 8-6 win on Saturday over Nottingham Panthers, whose frustration, after leading for most of the season, boiled over the next day in Cardiff where they needed to avoid defeat to finish second and qualify for a slightly easier play-off group.

Panthers led 3-1 midway through the third period and had given a well-disciplined defensive performance. But the Devils suddenly found a way through, scoring three goals in six minutes. When they went ahead with 49 seconds remaining a fight started which resulted in nine players and Cardiff's assistant coach, Paul Heavey, being ejected.

Cardiff Devils moved above the Panthers into second place and are in group B of the championship play-offs with Basingstoke, Edinburgh and Durham, while the Panthers are in group A with Fife, Humberside and Sheffield.

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Caddie's care helps Janzen carry the day

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN PONTE VEDRA

LEE JANZEN was watching television in the players' locker-room at a tournament in the United States recently. Pictures from the Portuguese Open were being transmitted. He looked puzzled. "Where is Portugal?" he asked Jesper Parnevik, who was sitting nearby. "I don't know," Parnevik replied. "Somewhere south of Sweden."

If Janzen's geography is not quite up to par, then his golf certainly is. The 1993 US Open champion, who represented the United States in the Ryder Cup that year, won the fifth US title of his career when he took the Players Championship here in Florida on Sunday night.

Few golfers win important tournaments without having a good caddie trudging alongside them. To a golfer, a caddie can mean the difference between winning and coming second.

Alongside Janzen during his past two victories in the US has been Dave Musgrove, an Englishman, one of a small band of peripatetic caddies who work in the US and Europe. In his career Musgrove has caddied for Roberto de Vicenzo, Sandy Lyle, Severiano Ballesteros and Tom Watson. He has caddied at the past 30 Open Championships.

Janzen was born in Austin, Minnesota, Musgrove in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. Janzen is as American as apple pie, Musgrove as British as roast beef.

"He's golf daft," Musgrove said of his employer. "My job is to keep him away from the golf course. If I don't do that he'd play three rounds each day and do some putting after dinner. He'd wear himself out." Janzen said: "He talks funny but he keeps me in line."

With Janzen's victory Musgrove added to his haul of important titles, which includes caddying for two Open champions (Ballesteros, in 1979, and Lyle, in 1985) and a Masters champion (Lyle 1988). He is the first man to caddie for two winners of this championship, after Lyle's success in 1987.

Perhaps the most prized possession in Musgrove's care last week was Janzen's putter. In 1992, Janzen threw it into a lake here because he was playing badly. A playing partner reminded him he had won his first tournament with that putter.

Janzen was mortified. "You're right," he said. "I'd better get it." With that, he recruited a member of the ground staff who waded into the lake, found the club and returned it to its owner. The putter has rarely left Janzen's side since. At times, such as on Sunday, he uses it to great effect, single-putting eight times in his final round.

On Sunday night, Janzen headed for home in Kissimmee, Florida. Later this week, he will travel to Augusta, Georgia, to begin his preparation for the Masters next week. This win over the best players in the world makes him a favourite for that event.

"My big problem is stopping him getting there too soon." Musgrove said with typical seriousness.

"There he goes again," Janzen said, grinning. "Telling me what to do and what not to do. He has a funny accent but I think he's great."



Janzen, whose putting propelled him to victory

Bowen stunned by first title win

NANCI BOWEN, an unsung Georgian, ignored the leaderboards during the last round of the Nabisco Dinah Shore golf tournament at Mission Hills on Sunday until she emerged from her own little world to find she had seen off the stars and won the first major championship of the women's season — and the first title of her career (Patricia Davies writes).

Nancy Lopez, who had looked the most likely winner until a run of bogeys killed her chances, Laura Davies, the world No 1 and Tammie Green, the third-round leader, faded and it was Bowen, with a round of 70 and a total of 285, three under par, who jumped in the lake as champion.

Emerging from the now ritual dip, Bowen seemed stunned by it all. The first prize of $127,500 (about £85,000) was nearly as much money as she had won in her first three seasons on tour.

Susie Redman, another American, slid into second place on 286, while Lopez, who came home in 39 to finish with a 74 and Davies shared third place with Brandie Burton and Sherri Turner, on 287. Green, who dropped three shots in the last two holes, slipped to level par with a sloppy round of 77 and Caroline Pierce, of Britain, who shot a 69, finished tenth.

Davies confessed she had not really played well all week. Still, a cheque for $42,237 took her to the top of the money-list.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Under-21 Championship
Group seven
Bulgaria v Wales (at Plovdiv, 3.0) .....
Group eight
Russia v Scotland
(at Torpedo Stadium, Moscow, 3.0) ...
Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Burnley v Port Vale .....
Second division
Cardiff v Bradford .....
Chester v Hull .....
Plymouth v Stockport (7.45) .....
Rotherham v Brighton .....
Wycombe v Peterborough (7.45) .....
Vauxhall Conference
Dover v Woking (7.45) .....
Telford v Altrincham (7.45) .....

Bob Lord Trophy
Semi-final, second leg
Bromsgrove (1) v Macclesfield (2) (7.45)
Bell's Scottish League
Third division
Alloa v Montrose .....
East Stirling v Queen's Park .....
Ross County v Albion .....

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Quarter-final replay: Rushden and Diamonds v Enfield

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Knowsley v Colwyn Bay. First division: Atherton LR v Ashton Utd; Curzon Ashton v Farsley; Goole v Workington; Mossley v Eastwood T; Radcliffe v Fleetwood; Warrington v Netherfield. Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Chorley v Bamber Bridge. President's Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Spennymoor v Lancaster; Albion v Boston Utd.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Marlow (7.45); Hendon v Grays; Slough v Hitchin; St Albans v Aylesbury. First division: Barking v Worthing; Billericay v Rushlip Manor (7.45); Haybridge v Chertsey; Leyton v Aldershot T (7.45), Staines v Uxbridge; Wivenhoe v Berkhamsted (7.45). Second division: Bracknell v Hampton; Hemel Hempstead v Ware (7.45); Leatherhead v Egham (7.45); Malden Vale v Thame (7.45); Tilbury v Croydon (7.45); Windsor and Eton v Chesham (7.45). Third division: Canvey Island v Horsham; Cove v Kingsbury (7.45); Hornchurch v Harefield (7.45); Hertford v Camberley. Carlsberg Cup: Semi-final: Hayes v Borehamwood.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hastings v Cambridge City; Leek v Corby, Tiverdridge v Burton. Southern division: Baldock v Weymouth (7.45), Fareham v Witney (7.45); Fisher 93 v Braintree (7.45); Margate v Ashford (7.45), Waterlooville v Clevedon (7.45). Midland division: Bridgnorth v Dudley; Ilkeston v Hinckley; RC Warwick v Badworth; Stourbridge v Forest Green (7.45); Sutton Coldfield v Rothwell; Tamworth v Evesham.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City v Aberystwyth (8.0), Caersws v Cwmbran; Conwy v Holywell; Newtown v Rhyl, Porthmadog v Connah's Quay (7.45)

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bradford PA v Bacup; Bootle v Chadderton, Burscough v Holker OB Kidsgrove v Maine Rd; Newcastle T v Rossendale, St Helens v Eastwood H

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield v Bridport (7.45).

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hucknall v Ossett T; Lincoln Utd v Belper; North Ferriby v Maltby MW; Ossett Albion v Arnold; Stocksbridge PS v Pontefract Collieries.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: RTM Newcastle v Bedlington Terriers.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cobham v Measham; DCA Basingstoke v Ash, Hanley Winsley v Sandhurst, Horley v Chipstead; Peppard v Eton Wick; Viking Sports v Bedfont; Westfield v Cranleigh.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey v Harpenden; Langford v Letchworth GC; Welwyn GC v Wingate and Finchley

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Ford v East Ham.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Sandwell v Oldbury; Chasetown v Pershore; Rugeley v Shepshed D; Boldmere St Michaels v Stratford

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Halstead v Sudbury; Haverhill v Newmarket, March v Walton; Tiptree v Harwich and Parkeston.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Brockenhurst v Eastleigh; Swanage and Hanston v Bournemouth; Wimborne v Petersfield Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Thatcham v Gosport

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Oakwood v East Grinstead; Shoreham v Ringmer

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stotold v Wootton. Cup: Semi-final: Kempston v Spalding

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian v Slade Green (7.45), Faversham v Ramsgate; Folkestone Invicta v Chatham (7.45); Thamesmead v Beckenham (7.45); Tunbridge Wells v Cray; Whitstable v Crockenhill.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Southampton (at Harrow Borough, 7.0); Watford v West Ham (2.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield United v Everton (at Chesterfield, 7.0). Second division: Oldham v Mansfield (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Oldham v Castleford (7.30) .....

POOLS FORECAST

Littlewoods Pools is to end its two-year experiment with jackpot draws. From Saturday April 8, any score draw will be worth three points. No-score draws and void matches will still be worth two points, but home and away wins will be valued at one point instead of 1½. Littlewoods is also scrapping its roll-over jackpot scheme, with immediate effect.

Saturday April 1
unless stated

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

COCA-COLA CUP FINAL

Not on coupons: Bolton Wanderers v Liverpool (at Wembley, Sunday).

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Coventry v QPR	2
2 Everton v Blackburn	X
3 Ipswich v Aston Villa	2
4 Leicester v Wimbledon	2
5 *Man Utd v Leeds	1
6 Sheff W v Notm F	2

Not on coupons: Arsenal v Norwich City; Chelsea v Newcastle United, Crystal Palace v Manchester City; Southampton v Tottenham Hotspur (Sunday).

FIRST DIVISION

7 Burnley v Millwall	1
8 Charlton v Stoke	X
9 Derby v Bristol C	1
10 Notts Co v Barnsley	2
11 Port Vale v Grimsby	1
12 Southend v Wolves	X
13 Sunderl'd v Sheff U	2
14 Tranmere v Portsmouth	1
15 Watford v Oldham	1
16 WBA v Middlesbro	X

Not on coupons: Reading v Swindon Town.

SECOND DIVISION

17 Birm'ham v Roth'ham	1
18 Bourn'm'th v Leyton O	2
19 Bradford v Wrexham	1
20 Brentford v York	1
21 Brighton v Blackpool	1
22 Bristol R v Swansea	1
23 Cambridge v Plym'th	2
24 Cardiff v Chester	1
25 Crewe v Oxford	X
26 Hudd'field v Peterbro	1
27 Hull v Wycombe	1
28 Shr'sbury v Stockp't	X

THIRD DIVISION

29 Doncaster v Bury	1
30 Exeter v Chest'f'ld	2
31 Hartlep'l v Nor'mpton	2
32 Mansfield v Carlisle	1
33 Preston v Gillingham	1
34 Rochdale v Barnet	X
35 Scarboro v Fulham	1
36 Sc'thorpe v Darlington	1
37 Torquay v Hereford	1
38 Walsall v Colchester	1
39 Wigan v Lincoln	X

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

40 Altrincham v v Bath	1
41 B'grove v Macclesf'ld	X
42 Dover v Southport	2
43 Farnboro v Telford	X

SCOTTISH PREMIER

44 Aberdeen v Kilmarn'k	1
45 Celtic v Motherwell	1
46 Dundee U v Rangers	2
47 Hearts v Falkirk	1
48 Patrick v Hibernian	2

SCOTTISH FIRST

49 Airdrie v Stranraer	1
50 Ayr v Raith	2
51 Dunf'mline v Dundee	X
52 St Johnst'n v Clydeb'k	1
53 St Mirren v Hamilton	X

SCOTTISH SECOND

54 Dumbarton v Brechin	1
55 East Fife v Berwick	1
56 Meadowb'k v Clyde	1
57 Q of Sth v Stirling	X
58 Sten'muir v G Morton	1

SCOTTISH THIRD

Not on coupons: Albion Rovers v Forfar Athletic; Alloa v Cowdenbeath; East Stirlingshire v Caledonian Thistle, Montrose v Arbroath; Ross County v Queen's Park.

* Pools panel to adjudicate

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Everton, Charlton Athletic, West Bromwich, Crewe, Shrewsbury Town, Rochdale, Wigan, Bromsgrove, Farnborough, Dunfermline, St Mirren, Queen of the South

BEST DRAWS: Everton, West Brom, Rochdale, Bromsgrove, Dunfermline.

HOMES: Derby County, Watford, Brighton, Cardiff City, Hull, Preston, Scunthorpe, Torquay, Walsall, Altrincham, Celtic, Airdrie.

AWAYS: QPR, Nottingham Forest, Shef Utd, Chesterfield, Northampton Town.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Derby, Brighton, Cardiff, Preston, Celtic. Aways: Nottingham Forest, Chesterfield, Northampton. Draws: Everton, West Brom, Rochdale.

☐ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

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PATTAWALLA

(a) In India, a messenger or servant, from the Hindia *patta-wāla* one wearing a belt, *cf. puttee*, and *wallah*. "Give me a cup of coffee too and tell your pattawalla not to come in and not to let anyone else in."

PULUT

(b) In Malaysia, glutinous rice, from the Malay *(nasi) pulut* sticky (rice). "Our children love pulut in the mornings before school."

RIDLEY

(c) Either of two species of marine turtle, *Lepidochelys kempii* of the Atlantic or *Lepidochelys olivacea* of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, etymology unknown, but presumably an eponym.

OLD DART

The "old country". Great Britain, especially England, in Australian and New Zealand slang, origin uncertain. "Fresh from the Old Dart. I was as willing as they came. I wanted to write that success letter home to England."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Qxf5+! is decisive, as, if 1, . . . Kxf5; 2. Bd3 is mate.

RADIO CHOICE

Helplines to the disabled

Hayes over Britain. *Radio 2, 7.00pm*; **In Touch.** *Radio 4, 9.00pm.*

On the eve of Radio 2's three-day information service for the disabled, of whom there are more than six million in Britain, Brian Hayes devotes his phone-in to their problems. What prompts the campaign are the imminent changes in the system of benefits payment. From next month, the invalidity and sickness payments will be replaced by the incapacity benefit. Will it offer those affected more advantages than disadvantages, or will it prove to be the other way round? Radio 2's helpline (0645 288291) opens tomorrow and remains open until Friday. *In Touch* is likewise given over to the new benefits, and its own helpline (0171-580 4444) opens tonight, from 9.30. It closes an hour later.

Fairest Isle: The Rising of the Moon. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

Nicholas Maw's three-act comic opera was first performed 25 years ago. Glyndebourne commissioned it, and it made its debut on the stage of the Sussex opera house. Tonight's production is a new studio recording. Steuart Bedford conducts the BBC Scottish SO, and the men's voices from Scottish Opera. The principals include Justin Lavender, Pamela Helen Stephen and Richard Suart. The libretto, by Beverley Cross, is about an Irish village in 1875 that tries to get rid of a British regiment billeted on it. I have listened to this recording, and can assure you that if you are scared of modern opera, your fears will prove groundless tonight.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Clive Warren and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Bruce Dickinson Rock Show **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain; See Choice **8.30** The Queen of Romance, starring Lesley Joseph (2/6) (r) **9.00** The Last of the Moes — the Louis Jordan Story **10.00** My Music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Colin Berry **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.30** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** The Tuesday Match **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffin **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Samantha Mash and Sean Bolger **10.00** Caesar the Geezer **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **5.30** Off the Shelf; *The Cries of Love* **5.45** On Screen **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** The Soul Show **8.00** News **8.15** *The Cries of Love* **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** What Is . . ? **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** The Desert of Marv **10.30** On Screen **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Magazinmagazin **12.00** News **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack Hit List **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** *The Inseperable Twins* **3.45** Medical Notes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News and Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Aktuell **7.00** News **7.30** World of Music **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sport **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.15** Concert Hall **2.00** News **2.30** Contemporaries of Christ **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** World of Music **4.00** News **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly. **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick. **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Opera Guide, with Hugh Macpherson **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Running the Country: The Loss of British Power
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: With Andrew McGregor. Vaughan Williams (Serenade to Music); Vivaldi (Concerto in D, La pastorella); Shostakovich (Suite: The Age of Gold); Stravinsky (Fireworks, Op 4); Copland (Suite: Our Town); **8.32** *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 76 No 3, Emperor)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Pierre Boulez at 70. Sonatine (Sophie Cherrier, flute; Pierre-Laurent Aimard, piano); Improvisation sur Mallarmé I, Pli selon pli (Phyllis Bryn-Julson, soprano); Structures, Bk II (Psi-Hsien Chen and Bernhard Wambach, pianos); Le soleil des eaux (Phyllis Bryn-Julson, soprano); Mémoriale (Sophie Cherrier, flute; Ensemble InterContemporain)
10.00 Musical Encounters: With Chris Wines. Bizet (Carmen: Suite No 1); Holst (I love my love, Six Choral Folksongs, Op 36b); Mozart (Flute Quartet in C); Vaughan Williams (Three Shakespeare Songs); Falla (Harpsichord Concerto);
12.00 Music Restored: Vocal ensemble Red Byrd and members of Romanesca in the Michael Tippett Centre, Bath, with a programme of music dealing with death and resurrection by Purcell, John Blow and Pelham Humfrey *(r)*
1.00pm Wartime at the National Gallery: Last of the series tracing the story of Myra Hess's famous wartime chamber concerts. Presented by Robert Philip
2.00 Schools: Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Listen!
3.00 Music for the British Movies: Carl Davis introduces music composed between the 1930s and 1950s for films made in Britain; including works by William Alwyn, Ron Goodwin, Bernard Stevens, Brian Easdale, John Addison, Arnold Ireland and Constant Lambert
5.00 The Music Machine: Pupils of Toothill School consider ways of writing music for a Balinese gamelan orchestra
5.15 In Tune: With Linda Ormiston. Suppé (Overture: The Beautiful Galatea); **6.03** Weber (Invitation to the Dance)
7.30 Fairest Isle: The Rising of the Moon: See Choice
10.10 Diary of a Composition: The composer Simon Bainbridge continues his diary about the composing of *Ad Ora Incerta — Four Orchestral Songs from Primo Levi*
10.30 Gyorgy Cziffra, piano, plays arrangements from Mendelssohn's incidental music for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
10.45 Night Waves In New York: Christopher Cook reports on funding for the arts
11.30-12.30am Ulster Orchestra under Grant Llewellyn. Suk (Scherzo fantastique); Janáček (Suite for strings); Dvořák (The Wood Dove)
1.00-1.30 Night School: Scene on Radio — Exploring *Nature of the Beast*: Author and Ideas

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444
10.00-10.30 News; Tales from the Back of Beyond (FM only): Kohistan. Birdlife International's Guy Duke tries to reunite warring tribes
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): Dread Not the Fearful Hour. Stephen Moore reads a new spiritual anthology
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the novelist Joanna Trollope
11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
12.00 News; You and Yours: With Dare Brehan
12.25pm Word of Mouth: Frank Delaney presents another edition of the language programme **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: A Home Truth. A comedy by *Times* columnist Lynne Truss about the domestic chaos of Belinda, a writer so committed to her work that she ignores everything else. With Geraldine James and Nicholas Le Provost
2.30 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor meets the pianist Alfred Brendel *(r)*
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: *Siegfried*, part three of the Royal Opera House's Ring cycle
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lews **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News 6.30 The Board Game: Nigel Cassidy chairs the business quiz
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Important issues, and changing attitudes at home and abroad
8.00 Science Now: Live from London's Science Museum *(r)*
8.30 New Spies for Old? Having run out of a real job with the end of the Cold War, are the intelligence services simply trying to invent new threats to keep them in employment, or are covert operations still needed to cope with growing terrorism and economic espionage? **(4/6)**
9.00 In Touch: See Choice
9.30 Kaleidoscope *(r)* **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight: With Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Gulf. Paul Panting reads Robert Westall's story **(2/5)**
11.00 Mediumwave: With Joanna Coles *(r)*
11.30-12.00 Four Corners (FM only): Katherine Fellowes uncovers the story of missionary Mary Slessor. Simon Calder experiences a sauna in Siberia, and William Green reports from Peru *(r)*
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service **(LW only)**

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Frontline weaponry in your own front room

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Towards the end of the Gulf War a brilliant cartoon appeared in *The New Yorker* magazine. It showed a man in cardigan and slippers gazing out of the picture window in his home. At the bottom right of the window was a caption: it said, CNN Live.

This image precisely summarised the position of the television viewer. The Gulf War was the making of Cable News Network internationally and television appeared to be the perfect conduit for such a war: high-tech viewing of high-tech destruction, courtesy of the satellite.

If the contributors to last night's **Horizon: The i-Bomb** (BBC 2) are right, the Gulf conflict was only a glimpse of coming war technique, for in this version of the future not only will i-for-information be crucial to the fighting of wars, but information will be both the weapon and the prize of conflict, in the ultimate demonstration of the truism that knowledge is power.

This is not a startlingly new prognosis and *Horizon* was not very convincing on the military applications, where information has always been a powerful factor. Radar, for example, collects information and radar played a significant part in the winning of the Battle of Britain.

Information is a target as well as a tool. In the Gulf, the Allies struck first at Saddam's air defence installations, his telecommunications network and his command centres. But the key point made last night arose from the fact that computers, which were at the heart of Gulf War strategy, are also available to every home, even if they are not yet *in* every home.

About one billion people have access to computers and there are at least 100 million computers linked to the Internet, whose growth is running at 186 per cent a year. The fact that the United States Department of Defence owns one million computers might once have been an impressive statistic, but no more.

Computer hacking is so widespread and sophisticated that the Pentagon has a department whose sole task is to attempt to hack into the Pentagon's computer systems in order to expose its weaknesses. Even so, there are breaches of Pentagon security all the time (a London schoolboy got into it not long ago).

So computers have brought individual empowerment on a scale undreamt of, the latest step on a road from photocopiers via fax machines that promises to democratise the individual even in totalitarian states: Tiananmen Square could not have been so defining a moment without the students' ability to communicate electronically.

But beware of software salespeople bearing democracy on a floppy disk, for these tools resemble discs of an earlier era in that they have a flip side. Alvin Toffler, the author of *Future Shock*, said last night that the ubiquity of computers had the potential for "an electronic Pearl Harbor" and that information was "the oil of the future".

The difficulty, the fissure along the information superhighway, is that some of those most likely to seek such power are least likely to use it responsibly. If, as is rumoured, one can discover on the Internet the ingredients for a hydrogen bomb or a chemical weapon, then the recent event on the Tokyo subway starts to resemble individual empowerment of a very different order.

The prospect almost makes one long for simpler, bygone conflicts such as the war in Vietnam. Almost, but not quite. Thirty years after the American withdrawal, several programmes are marking the anniversary and none more graphically than last night's *Late Show* special, **Vietnam Stories: The Camera at War** (BBC 2).

Vietnam was the war in which freedom heavily influenced the outcome, for the images sent back by film cameramen and, especially, stills photographers helped to turn the tide of domestic American opinion and force ignominious retreat. As the British photographer Don McCullin said: "By making it so easy for you to go there, they [the Americans] dug their own grave. You could conjure up a helicopter as easily as I could go out into a London street and get a taxi."

Extraordinary if now-familiar images, including a Vietnamese general's street execution of a soldier and the flight of a naked young girl during a napalm raid, imprinted themselves on the American psyche and undermined every bland assurance emanating from Saigon and Washington.

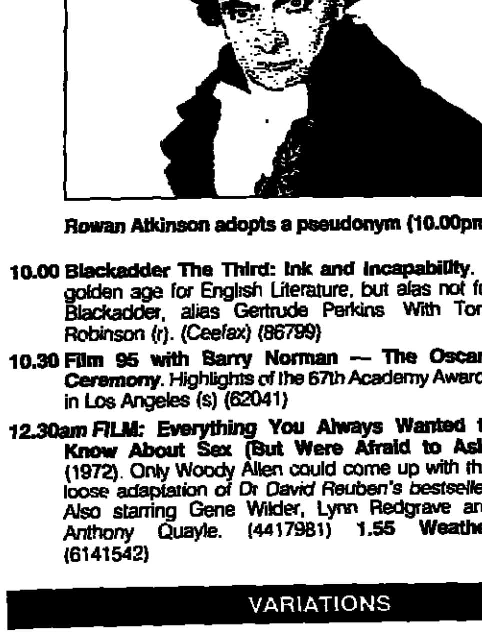
To say that the images revealed the truth would be too pat a statement, for a momentary image does not always reveal more than a momentary truth. What they *did* was reveal the trauma afflicting both sides in Vietnam. Such images can inconvenience democratic governments as much as dictatorial ones. That is why, for all the alleged empowerment technology later brought, the media lesson from Vietnam was acted upon in the Gulf, where coverage was firmly under the thumb of the Allies.

Last night we saw President Clinton promising that the Gulf would not be "another Vietnam". Yes, and in more ways than one. No McCullin of *The Sunday Times*, no Larry Burrows of *Life* magazine, would be permitted to make a mark in the Gulf, where "pooled" reports from journalists dressed like soldiers told us whatever the military wanted us to know.

Among the few exceptions was a considerable rumpus when television sent out pictures from Baghdad of women and children apparently half-buried under a bombed building. On the screen there was a caption, bottom right. It said, CNN Live.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (78954)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (95771138)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (5822409)
10.00 News; Regional News and Weather; Weather (Ceefax) (7200190) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r) (Ceefax) (8217393)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (7569157)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1075848) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** (s) (7834461) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (15474867)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (33732) **1.30 Neighbours**. Danni is full of surprises. (s) (Ceefax) (77111041) **1.50 Going for Gold** with the erudite Henry Kelly (s) (77122157)
2.15 FILM: Perry Mason: The Case of the Poisoned Pen (1990). The leading lawyer investigates murder among the literary set. Starring Raymond Burr, David Warner, Barbara Hale and Tony Lo Bianco. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II. (Ceefax) (424664)
3.50 Jackanory: Narrow Escape. Judith Jacobs reads Hlawyn Orman's story. (s) (8491935)
4.00 Willy Fog (Ceefax) (9628732)
4.25 Grimmy: Open All Night (4872916)
4.35 Incredible Games (s) (Ceefax) (1103751)
5.00 Newsround (2808935) **5.05 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r) (s) (Ceefax) (6604683)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (s) (Ceefax) (400190)
6.00 Six O' Clock News and Weather (Ceefax) (799)
6.30 Regional news magazines (751)
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando visits the Bahamas. (s) (Ceefax) (1886)
7.30 EastEnders. Grant faces up to a future without Sharon. (s) (Ceefax) (935)
8.00 A Question of Sport. Ian Botham is joined by Bryan Robson and Martin Offiah, while Steven Rhodes and Alison Ramsay join Bill Beaumont. (s) (Ceefax) (7206)
8.30 20th Century Fox. Award-winning documentary on the urban fox in Britain, narrated by Sir David Attenborough. (r) (Ceefax) (9041) **Wales: Route 96: Bulgaria** (9041)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News and weather (Ceefax) (3521)
9.30 CHOICE **QED: Sex Acts** (s) (Ceefax) (37670)

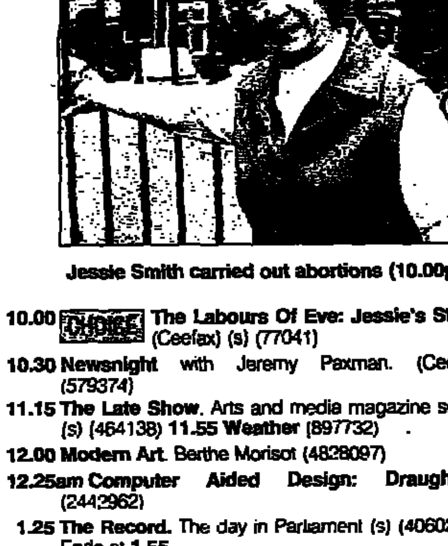


Rowan Atkinson adopts a pseudonym (10.00pm)

10.00 Blackadder The Third: Ink and Incapability. A golden age for English Literature, but alas not for Blackadder, alias Gertrude Perkins. With Tony Robinson (r). (Ceefax) (86799)
10.30 Film 95 with Barry Norman — The Oscars Ceremony. Highlights of the 67th Academy Awards in Los Angeles (s) (62041)
12.30am FILM: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask) (1972). Only Woody Allen could come up with this loose adaptation of Dr David Reuben's bestseller. Also starring Gene Wilder, Lynn Redgrave and Anthony Quayle. (4417981) **1.55 Weather** (6141542)

BBC2

6.00 FILM: The Plank (1967) starring Tommy Cooper, Eric Sykes, Jimmy Edwards and Roy Castle. A silent slapstick comedy. Directed by Eric Sykes (1435480)
6.45 Open University (3491683)
8.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6194751) **8.15 Westminster On-Line With Sir Bernard Ingham** (s) (4682374)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (8235799) **2.00** Gordon T. Gopher (87543664)
2.10 Horizon: The I-Bomb (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3503428)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (Ceefax) (4700683) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8499577)
4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s) (664)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (848)
5.00 Esther Studio discussion series (s) (9664)
5.30 Catchword with Paul Coia (s) (428)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (508374)
6.25 Heartbreak High. (Ceefax) (s) (393393)
7.10 The Tick. Animated comedy (s) (906312)
7.30 NEW **East: Bandit Queen ... True Lies?** The story of the feuding and litigation after the making of the film *Bandit Queen*, supposedly the true story of former bandit Phoolan Devi (577)
8.00 Animated 2: A Line in Space. Three animated films by Stephen Palmer, Raimund Krumme and Oscar-nominated Vanessa Schwartz (s) (5848)
8.30 Madhur Jaffrey's Flavours of India. Cuisine from Goa. (Ceefax) (s) (7683)
9.00 Murder Most Horrid II: Smashing Bird starring Dawn French and Hywel Bennett. A getaway driver and his nightclub singer girlfriend plan to give up a life of crime — but fate plays a nasty trick (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8393)
9.30 Cardiac Arrest (r). (Ceefax) (s) (37652)

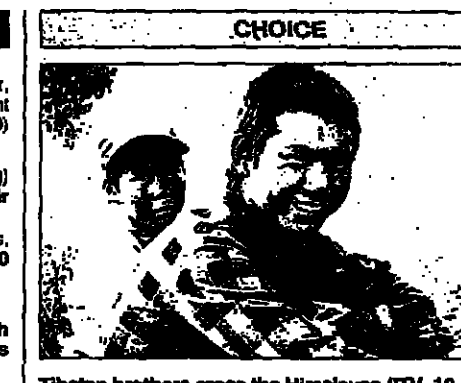


Jessie Smith carried out abortions (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **The Labours Of Eve: Jessie's Story.** (Ceefax) (s) (77041)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (579374)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine series (s) (464138) **11.55 Weather** (897732)
12.00 Modern Art. Berthe Morisot (4828097)
12.25am Computer Aided Design: Draughting (2442962)
1.25 The Record. The day in Parliament (s) (4060252). Ends at **1.55**
2.00-4.00 Night School: The National Curriculum (50271)

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CHOICE



Tibetan brothers cross the Himalayas (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Escape From Tibet
ITV, 10.40pm

For more than 40 years Tibetans in flight from Chinese oppression have taken a secret escape route, crossing the Himalayas on foot into Nepal. Their goal is an audience with their exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, in northern India. The cameras follow one such group. With no maps or special clothing, and only basic rations, they have to tackle one of the highest Himalayan passes in temperatures well below zero. Among the party are two young brothers, who tried to escape before but were recaptured and tortured. The Chinese do not look kindly on Tibetans who defy their regime. The progress of the refugees is intercut with evidence, some of it on secretly-shot film, of torture, starvation and execution on a shocking scale.

Labours of Eve: Jessie's Story
BBC2, 10.00pm

The series on women's experience of childbirth offers its most perturbing film so far. Jessie married in the late 1940s and had two children, but the marriage broke up and she went back to live with mum. She met another man and became pregnant. Her mother issued an ultimatum: get rid of the child or leave the house. Abortion was still illegal but helped by her mother, a former midwife, Jessie went through with it. Word got round and Jessie found herself carrying out abortions for other women, under the threat of being shopped to the police. Eventually she was arrested and prosecuted. Jessie recalls these distressing events with such honesty that the aggressive questioning of the film's presenter, Nicky Singer, seems unnecessary.

QED: Sex Acts
BBC1, 9.30pm

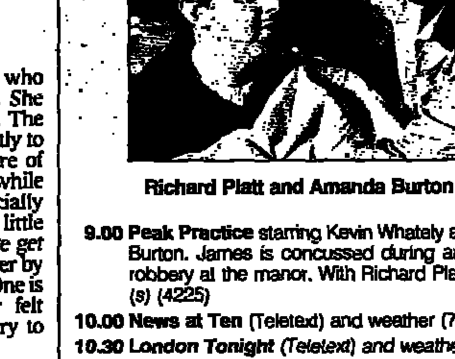
Diane Torr is an American performance artist who runs something called a Drag King Workshop. She demonstrates on a group of women in London. The idea is that they dress up as men for the day, partly to see what it is like but also to explore the nature of gender difference. The theme of the film is that while sex is determined by nature, gender is socially constructed. Little boys are distinguished from little girls by the toys we buy them and the clothes we get them to wear. The argument is taken a stage further by people who claim to be neither male nor female. One is Christie, who was born a woman but never felt comfortable in a woman's body and had surgery to remove her breasts and womb.

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Last year a group of dancers from Royal Ballet took a busman's holiday in Kenya, giving special performances in aid of saving the country's elephants. The cameras follow them through a series of unlikely locations, including a racecourse, the luxurious art deco home of a white conservationist and finally to the residence of the High Commissioner. It rains so much that the dancers have to break off to mop up water from the stage. *Without Walls* also recalls the Kinks, who brought their distinctively English brand of rhythm and blues to a succession of top 20 hits between 1964 and 1972. And this despite a feud between the brothers Ray and Dave Davies which is still going strong on this film. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7273645)
9.25 Chain Letters (s) (3618577) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8212848)
10.00 The Time... the Place (s) (7347428)
10.35 This Morning (26904799) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1064732)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2543515)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (2528206) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (57435022) **1.55 Vanessa**. Vanessa Feltz talks to people who believe themselves to be ugly. (Teletext) (s) (35305515)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (74172596) **2.50 Blue Heelers**. Australian police drama (7683770)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6429409) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6411480)
3.30 The Magic House (s) (2593799) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (8497119) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (8486003) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (s) (8515119) **4.15 Dreamstone** (Teletext) (s) (6833206) **4.40 Chris Cross** (Teletext) (s) (9467393)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (6698022)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (774312)
5.55 Your Shout (251954)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (867)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (119)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (6954)
7.30 Saint and Greavsie's World of Sport. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves with classic sporting moments from the early 1970s (913)
8.00 The Bill: Little Green Apples. The arrival of the new chief inspector tries Bob Cryer's patience. (Teletext) (2374)
8.30 Surprise Proposals. Pat Sharp introduces the show in which one smitten partner proposes to the other — in front of the nation, thanks to a hidden camera. (Teletext) (1409)

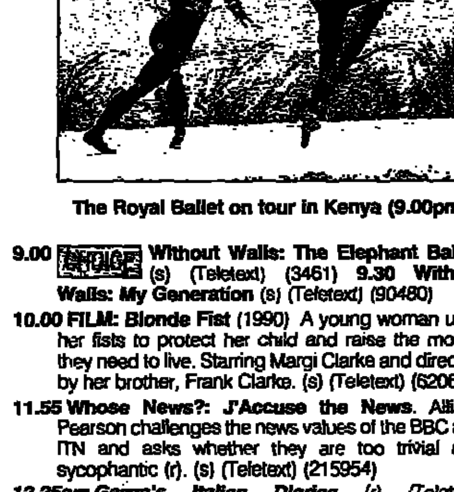


Richard Platt and Amanda Burton (9.00pm)

9.00 Peak Practice starring Kevin Whately and Amanda Burton. James is concussed during an attempted robbery at the manor. With Richard Platt. (Teletext) (s) (4225)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (71867)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (267157)
10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Escape from Tibet.** (Teletext) (245770)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (569157)
12.40am FILM: Bay Coven (1987) starring Tim Matheson and Pamela Sue Martin. A young couple opt out of the rat race and move to a peaceful Massachusetts village. However, all is not as it seems. Directed by Carl Schenkel (893726)
2.30 The Little Picture Show (8916165)
3.25 America's Top Ten (s)(68537875)
3.50 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (17962707)
4.20 On the Live Side (s) (61546962)
4.30 Videofashion (68146)
5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (46436)
5.30 ITN Morning News (47900). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Spiff and Hercules (2548886)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (56683)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby takes wagers (r) (s) (58916)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (5038190) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5033645) **10.00** Fourways Farm (7217480) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (1362596) **10.25** Time Capsule (1341003) **10.45** Coming Together (4388664) **11.00** Science Focus (4670157) **11.22** Stage One (6902003) **11.38** Schools at Work (5590645) **11.45** First Edition (4534770)
12.00 House to House. Maya Even reports from Westminster (61480)
12.30pm Sesame Street. The guest is Rosie O'Donnell (52119)
1.30 Widget (r) (s) (35395136)
1.55 Short Tall Story. Animation (15007022)
2.00 FILM: A Bell For Adano (1945, b/w) Drama about a tough US Army major who has problems in a small town in Sicily at the end of the Second World War. Starring John Hodiak and Gene Tierney, directed by Henry King (197848)
3.55 Food File (r) (Teletext) (5159935)
4.30 Countdown. Maths and wordplay with Richard Whiteley. (s) (Teletext) (916)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Oprah Questions Her Morality. What people would do if they knew they could get away with it. (s) (Teletext) (8533225)
5.50 Terrytoons. Vintage animation (241577)
6.00 Babylon 5: Soul Mate. Science-fiction from another dimension, in which, this week, Londo is given the opportunity to divorce two of his three wives (s) (Teletext) (306732)
6.50 Terrytoons Deputy Dawg (194480)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (513480)
7.50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (322596)
8.00 Classic Motorcycles: Made in Germany. After the war, aero-engineers turned to designing motorbikes. (r) (s) (Teletext) (1356)
8.30 Brookside. Speculation is rife about Barry's disappearance. (s) (Teletext) (2751)



The Royal Ballet on tour in Kenya (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls: The Elephant Ballet.** (s) (Teletext) (3461) **9.30 Without Walls: My Generation** (s) (Teletext) (90480)
10.00 FILM: Blonde Fist (1990) A young woman uses her fists to protect her child and raise the money they need to live. Starring Margi Clarke and directed by her brother, Frank Clarke. (s) (Teletext) (620683)
11.55 Whose News?: J'Accuse the News. Allison Pearson challenges the news values of the BBC and ITN and asks whether they are too trivial and sycophantic (r). (s) (Teletext) (215954)
12.25am Gazza's Italian Diaries (r) (Teletext) (2540558)
1.25 Blood Sweat and Glory. The politicisation of sport (r). (s) (7345639)
2.00 FILM: Laxdale Hall (1952, b/w). Comedy set in a Hebridean village, starring Ronald Squire and Raymond Huntley. Directed by John Eldridge (4404707)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (8212848) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1064732) **1.55** A Country Practice (77116598) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7683770) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (6411480) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6698022) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (669848) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (913) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (267157) **12.35am** Cheyenne Social Club (800981) **3.25** The Beat (3684639) **4.20** Travel Trails (83588788) **4.45** Music Box Profile (40898349)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (8212848) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1064732) **1.55** A Country Practice (77116598) **2.50-3.20** Central Blockbusters (7683770) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6411480) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6698022) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (669848) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (913) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (267157) **11.40** Crime Story (569157) **4.20am** Jobfinder (9577146) **5.20** Asian Eye (7625504)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (2528206) **1.25** Home and Away (87145225) **1.50** Vanessa (35373916) **2.20** Gardeners' Diary (74164577) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (7683770) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6698022) **6.25** Granada Tonight (669848) **7.00** Emmerdale (6954) **7.30-8.00** Highdays and Holidays (913) **11.40** Crime Story (569157) **12.40am** Bay Coven (893726) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (8916165) **3.25** America's Top Ten (68537875) **3.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (17962707) **4.20** Jobfinder (5302078) **5.00** Vanessa (46436)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (8212848) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (1064732) **2.25** Wish You Were Here ...? (74163848) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7599751) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (6411480) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6698022) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (119) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (913) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (267157) **4.20am** Jobfinder (5302078)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 3.25-3.30 HTV Wales News (6411480) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (119) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (913) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (267157)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8212848) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1064732) **1.55** A Country Practice (77116598) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7683770) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6411480) **5.10** Home and Away (6698022) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (231190) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (867) **6.30-7.00** Doing It Up (119) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right (913) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (267157) **12.35am** Cheyenne Social Club (800981) **3.25** The Beat (3684639) **4.20** Travel Trails (83588788) **4.45** Music Box Profile (40898349) **5.00** Freescreen (46436)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.25-3.25 The Young Doctors (74163848) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6698022) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (97393) **7.30-8.00** Wild West Country (913) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (267157) **4.20am** Jobfinder (5302078)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (77116598) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7683770) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6698022) **5.55** Calendar (956751) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (119) **7.30-8.00** Good Advice (913) **11.40** Kojak: Fatal Flaw (279393) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (6129610) **2.25** Sport AM (5390875) **3.20** The Beat (3685368) **4.15** Jobfinder (7942523)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (56683) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (58916) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (313732) **12.00pm** House To House (61480) **12.30** Slot Meithrin A B C r (87916) **1.00** Little Miss (59770) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper G room and Doom (19515) **2.00** The Late Late Show (39428) **3.00** The Real Holiday Show (2515) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show Kings of Their (2306461) **4.20** Hex Marks The Spot (4899683) **4.30** Saved By The Bell - The New Class (916) **5.00** 5 Pump - Uned 5 Mae Gaynor, Garmon a Nia Elin yn y fy bob nos F (4732) **5.30** Countdown (596) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (988596) **6.15** Heno (399577) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4596) **7.30** Mbs O Diwn (645) **8.00** Dau Rhys (Ar Frys) (1356) **8.30** Newyddion/news (2751) **9.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. Who Won the War, (2867) **10.00** Brookside (79409) **10.30** Dim Talod Weiar. Heno byddwn yn astudio'r gwahaniaeth rhwng y di (24393) **11.30** The Best Of The Tube (27683) **12.00am** My Generation (44813) **12.30** Naked News (76184) **1.30** Dwedd/close (968875)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (13799) **8.00** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (28799) **8.30** Blockbusters (10770) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (35751) **10.00** Concentration (58577) **10.30** Card Sharks (55026) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (75732) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (21886) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (38664) **1.00** St Elsewhere (33119) **2.00** Trade Winds (59206) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (6734799) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (9291138) **4.30** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (6044) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (3645) **6.00** Murphy Brown (1157) **6.30** Family Ties (2409) **7.00** Rescue (4374) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1393) **8.00** The X-Files (89312) **9.00** Models Inc (76848) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (79935) **11.00** David Letterman (734374) **11.50** Littlejohn (442041) **12.40am** Chances (3837788) **1.30** WKRP (86097) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (7861964)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1048003) **9.30** Fashion TV (85374) **10.30** ABC Nightline (800003) **1.30pm** CBS News (71683) **2.30** Parliament Live (872935) **5.00** Live at Five (8984393) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (2329428) **7.30** O.J. Simpson Trial (7254206) **12.30am** CBS News (9234368) **1.10** Entertainment This Week (9954610) **2.30** Parliament Replay (58523) **4.30** CBS News (84436) **5.30-6.00** ABC World News Tonight (89900)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1998003) **10.00 Jane's House** (1993) (32480) **12.00 Lucky Lady** (1975) (63409) **2.00pm Ghost in the Noonday Sun** (1973) (93515) **4.00 Blue Fire Lady** (1976) (84464770) **5.55 Jane's House** (1993): As 10am (27999954) **7.30 Close-Up: Director James Harris on Boiling Point** (6461) **8.00 Made in America** (1993) (85596) **10.00 Boiling Point** (1993) (883409) **11.35 The Power of One** (1992) (59263995) **1.40am Honour Thy Mother** (1992) (9855639) **3.10 Maniac Cop** (1988) (4272639) **4.30-6.00 Blue Fire Lady** (1976): As 4pm (72691)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Ghost Breakers (1940) (62683) **8.00 Kiss of the Vampire** (1963) (74428) **10.00-12.00 Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed!** (1970) (34312)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Story of Esther Costello (1957) (45139) **8.00 Puss in Boots** (1983) (76545) **9.00 Tom Sawyer** (1986) (38481) **10.00 Great Day in the Morning** (1956) (30022) **12.00 The Great Missouri Raid** (1950) (54751) **2.00pm Just For You** (1952) (91157) **4.00 Puss in Boots** (1983) As 8am (58596) **5.00 Tom Sawyer** (1986): As 9am (9683) **6.00 Little Heroes** (1991) (71393) **8.00 One Woman's Courage** (1993) (94806888) **9.35 My Cousin Vinny** (1992) (646515) **11.35 Round Trip to Heaven** (1991) (186119) **1.15am Highway to Hell** (1992) (271707) **2.50-4.30 The Prince of Jutland** (1993) (83469558)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (4364119) **7.15** WWF Mania (630393) **8.15** Soccer News (2387848) **8.30** Speed and Beauty (29003) **9.00** Snowboard Tour (43683) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (78867) **10.00** Golf USA (58003) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (30119) **12.30pm** Football: England v Wales (83041) **2.30** High 5 (3916) **3.00** NBA Action (5409) **3.30** Stunt Team Championship (8461) **4.00** Speed and Beauty (7596) **4.30** Snowboard Tour (6480) **5.00** WWF Superstars (9461) **6.00** Soccer News (222577) **6.15** Fish Tales (210732) **6.30** Grass Roots Rugby (8225) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (16480) **8.00** Pole Position (32428) **9.00** Football Show (12664) **10.00** Soccer News (810935) **10.15** Darts (207409) **11.45** Fish Tales (731577) **12.00** Boots 'n' All (19320) **1.00-2.00am** Pole Position (36165)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurogolf Magazine (68080) **8.30** Figure Skating (58111) **10.00** Dancing (24022) **11.00** Football (96916) **12.30pm** Speedworld (85409) **2.30** Aerobatics (66954) **3.30** Truck Racing (3157) **4.00** Wrestling (92312) **5.00** Football (23577) **6.30** Eurosport News (3393) **7.00** Aerobics (18848) **8.00** Body Building (27596) **9.00** Boxing (73472) **10.00** Snooker (89648) **12.00-12.30am** News (14225)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4890645) **8.30** Peyton Place (4899916) **9.00** As the World Turns (4005374) **10.00** Guiding Light (9392461) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9312225)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (4893732) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1026886) **1.00** Trailside (9316041) **1.30** Cook Italian (1025157) **2.00** California Gold (7672480) **2.30** Discover Your World (4462886) **3.00** American Vacation (4326751) **4.00** Travel Guide (4443138) **4.30** Zoo Life (4432022) **5.00** Colorado River Adventures (7663732) **5.30** Cook Italian (4423374) **6.00** Globetrotter (4453515) **6.30** Ticket to Paradise (4444867) **7.00** Discover America (5315954) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (7669916) **8.30** Travel Guide (7671751) **9.00** Globetrotter (4334770) **9.30** Ticket to Paradise (1006022) **10.00** Discover America (5314225) **11.00** Colorado River Adventures (4348515) **11.30-12.00** California Gold (4861022)



Linda Gray is the power behind *Models Inc* (Sky One, 8.00pm)

TLC
9.00am Room Service (2680848) **9.30** The Roux Brothers (5891664) **10.00** Jimmy's (2612022) **10.30** Only Human (1980225) **11.30** Discovering Psychology (3868567) **12.00** Youth Express (2693312) **12.30pm** House Style (5895480) **1.00** The Roux Brothers (8280886) **1.30** Room Service (5894751) **2.00** Winning Streak (2613751) **3.00** Successful Home Video (2761848) **3.30-4.00** Two's Country (1733664)

UK GOLD
7.00am Give Us a Clue (8350645) **7.30** Neighbours (8262480) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2692683) **8.30** EastEnders (2691954) **9.00** The Bill (2682206) **9.30** Sutherland's Law (5694190) **10.30** Angels (1982683) **11.30** Going for Gold (1069585) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2695770) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5804138) **1.00** EastEnders (8259916) **1.30** The Bill (5803409) **2.00** After Henry (2784799) **2.30** Foreign Bodies (1730577) **3.00** Knots Landing (7468521) **4.00** Dallas (4418206) **5.00** Going for Gold (88415190) **5.25** XYZ (98434225) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (4568799) **6.30** EastEnders (1755886) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9461916) **8.00** After Henry (2764935) **8.30** The Lenny Henry Show (2776770) **9.00** The Sweeney (9480428) **10.00** The Bill (2603799) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7394954) **11.10** Cool It (2218225) **11.45** Dr Who: The Ambassadors of Death (5061461) **12.15am** FILM: The Half-Breed (1952): An unscrupulous entrepreneur enrages the Apaches when he finds gold on their reservation. With Robert Young (1783813) **2.00** Shopping (3104271)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (6744119) **6.55** Garfield and Friends (7204393) **7.25** Eek the Cat (6292964) **7.55** Degrassi Junior High (5980026) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (4144480) **8.45** Casper and Friends (1350683) **9.00** Sesame Street (72745) **10.00** It's Drobee Time (27157) **12.00** Garfield and Friends (89645) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (18409) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (71515) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (83248409) **1.45** Baby Follies (83236664) **2.00** Barney and Friends (6472) **2.30** Babar (7374) **3.00** Casper and Friends (1480428) **3.15** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (583886) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (582157) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1079751) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (7138)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalivel (4355461) **7.15** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (887041) **7.45** Rugrats (686312) **8.15** Nicktoons (779596) **8.45** Nickalivel (8097428) **9.00** Nick Jr (458864) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (21461) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (70225) **1.00** Smoggies (28848) **1.30** Galaxy High School (79596) **2.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (4916) **2.30** Henry's Cat (4886) **3.00** Grimmy (8751) **3.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (6003) **4.00** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (5138) **4.30** Rugrats (4022) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (8596) **5.30** Nickalivel Including Rocko's Modern Life (5374) **6.00** Doug (5515) **6.30-7.00** Secret of the Stones (6867)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Birdscape (1752799) **4.30** From Monkeys to Apes (1741683) **5.00** The Blue Revolution (91814751) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4156664) **7.00** Earth Tremors (2786157) **7.30** Deadly Australians (1742312) **8.00** Dinosaurs, Dead or Alive? (9488206) **9.00** First Flights (4313652) **9.30** The X-Planes (5882916) **10.00** Arrows Against the Wind (9481157) **11.00-12.00** Whales (8267935)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Cone of Silence (1960) (2629312) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (2617577) **3.00** Rat Patrol (2758374) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (1720190) **4.00** FILM: The Black Tent (1956) (2752190) **6.00** Get Smart (1726374) **6.30** Police Woman (1337799) **7.30** Honey West (1746138) **8.00** thirtysomething (9455732) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (9714358) **9.30** FILM: Passport to Shame (1959) (5459770) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (2605732)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (6651480) **7.00** Living Magazine (8176138) **8.00** Health UK (9186139) **8.30** Bon Voyage (4031080) **9.00** Front Gardens (4803912) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7943206) **10.05** Now You See It (7384062) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (4996438) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7670393) **12.00** Mediterranean Cookery (6033683) **12.35pm** Bon Voyage (48810461) **1.05** Kilroy (8870206) **2.00** Agony Hour (1550954) **3.00** Living Magazine (7256916) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (65749461) **4.00** Infatuation (9873935) **4.30** Crosswits (9879119) **5.00** Raw Energy (3095732) **5.35** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7602312) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (8942886) **6.30** Brookside (9874664) **7.00** Living Magazine (9323138) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (8332886) **9.00** FILM: Women of Brewster Place (1989): Concluding last night's film (68743041) **10.55** Sneak Scenes (5998026) **11.00** Brookside (1195916) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (1555409)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Dangermouse (4312) **5.30** Mighty Jungle (1190) **6.00** The Black Stallion (339206) **6.25** All Clued Up (389225) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (1848) **7.30** My Two Dads (8867) **8.00** Christy (78886) **9.00** Moonlighting (56022) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (60374) **10.30** GP (79022) **11.00** Lou Grant (59664) **12.00** Rhoda (60813) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (32542) **1.00** Dangermouse (14320) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (57523) **2.00** Moonlighting (81252) **3.00** Lou Grant (45097) **4.00** Rhoda (67851) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (35813)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (77233) **6.30** The Grind (21022) **7.00** Awake On The Wildside (55190) **8.00** VJ Ingo (364751) **11.00** Soul of MTV (79157) **12.00** Greatest Hits (99374) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (968490) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8708857) **3.45** Cinematic (8227472) **4.00** MTV News (1098886) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1088409) **4.30** Dial MTV (9596) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (72867) **6.30** Sports (4041) **7.00** Greatest Hits (69596) **8.00** Most Wanted (98770) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (90003) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (352596) **10.15** Cinematic (340751) **10.30** News (173995) **10.45** 3 From 1 (828258) **11.00** The End? (20041) **1.00am** Soul (89271) **2.00** The Grind (92287) **2.30-5.00** Night Videos (693184)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9315312) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (8637374) **12.00** The Bridge (7271190) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (9049596) **2.30** Heart and Soul (3117374) **3.30** Into The Music (9082585) **6.00** Prime Cuts (1003935) **7.00** VH-1 for You (5317312) **8.00** VH-1 Rock (5393732) **9.00** Ten of the Best (5313598) **10.00** The Bridge (4018848) **11.30** The Nightfly (4019577) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (5126078) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including at **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV
6.00am Persian Dawn (82837645) **7.00** Asian Morning (80959022) **8.30** Bhola Mohan (75338190) **9.00** Gujrati FILM (84543867) **12.00** Ghar (81208515) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM: Ghungroo (29531138) **4.00** Playful Muse (78193119) **4.30** Serial: Yugantar (78183003) **5.00** Sajre Phul (92846799) **5.30** TVA and You (78106683) **6.00** Musalatam (78103596) **6.30** Video Junction (56223848) **7.30** Urdu News Followed by Shakti (78183732) **8.00** News Bulletin (92835683) **8.30** Var Var Parvar (92814190) **9.00** Hindi FILM Teja (50339670) **12.00** Asian Morning (30992436) **1.30-6.00am** Sight and Sound (33485900)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Taking Care of Business
7.00pm The Wheeler Dealers (1963) (18196157) **9.00 Executive Suite** (1954) (76613022) **11.00 The Formula** (1980) (20725119) **1.10am The Wheeler Dealers** (1963): As 7pm (85426962) **3.00-5.00 Executive Suite** (1954). As 9pm (54181271)

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Teams appeal against ruling

Benetton's loss fuels debate on regulations

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN SÃO PAULO

THE winner's trophy stood forlornly on a packing case in the Benetton garage long after it should have been removed and sent on its way to the victor. As the team mechanics continued the desultory Sunday-night job of dismantling their equipment, the race stewards were deciding on a punishment for Michael Schumacher and David Coulthard in the control tower and Ferarri were preparing to commandeer the prize.

Back in his hotel a few miles from the circuit, Gerhard Berger had been told he was the new winner of the Brazilian Grand Prix in the wake of the disqualifications of Schumacher, in a Benetton-Renault, and Coulthard, in a Williams-Renault, that had thrown the new Formula One season in disarray almost before it had started.

The emergence of the mystery of Schumacher's wildly fluctuating weight yesterday merely intensified the air of gloom and despondency settling over a sport that had thought it might be about to witness a bright new dawn after the non-stop controversy and tragedy of last season. After the death of Ayrton Senna at Imola last May, the sport needed a lift in Brazil, not another kick in the teeth.

But despondency is not something that comes readily into Berger's mind and yesterday he refused to be downcast about the chaotic end to the race, in which he had initially finished third, more than a lap behind Schumacher. "I am very happy about this decision," he said. "I do not feel sorry for Schumacher or Coulthard because cheating is cheating.

"Violation of the rules on fuel is no small matter. You can get 20-30 horsepower more that way alone. All the cars are about the same level of performance except those with Renault motors. They are in a world of their own. I do not know if that is down to fuel but . . ."

Max Mosley, the president of the International Motor Sport Federation (FIA), defended the move to disqualify the two drivers yesterday and said that the samples of fuel taken from them after the race had shown three significant differences from the samples submitted by the teams before the start of the season. He highlighted changes in the density of the fuel, which is essentially pump petrol.

Race controversy 1
Irregular fuel 2

But after news that the Williams and Benetton teams were to lodge appeals against the decision, Mosley was considerably more charitable about the reasons for the irregularities in the fuel than Berger had been.

"In my view, it is much more likely to have been a mistake than a deliberate attempt to gain an advantage," he said. "Either somebody made a mistake with our checks or somebody made a mistake with the fuel.

"But if a mechanic makes a mistake and sets the rear wing at 0.5 centimetres too high you have to exclude the car even though it makes little difference to performance. If you do not exclude them for running unapproved fuels then the whole system breaks down."

Many of the mechanics attached to the teams are staying in South America for the next race in Argentina in a fortnight but Formula One's executives arrived back yesterday afternoon to emerge in the maelstrom of questioning about the latest crisis to hit the sport. Coulthard heard he had been disqualified when a steward announced the news on the plane carrying him back to England from Saõ Paulo.

Coulthard said at Heathrow Airport that he had not yet been officially told of his disqualification and wanted to wait to comment until he had spoken to the team owner, Frank Williams. He then flew north to Scotland to celebrate his 24th birthday with his family.

Schumacher was lying low in Bahia, in northern Brazil, with the dual storm raging around him, but Williams released a statement yesterday afternoon confirming their intention to appeal against Coulthard's disqualification.

"The team wishes it to be remembered that Elf has been supplying grand prix racing since 1968 without a break, far longer than any other fuel company. There are three possibilities with regard to the decision that will be considered.

"The first is that, subsequent to technical approval by the FIA an incorrect batch of fuel was sent to Brazil, second, the testing equipment used in Brazil to check the fuel malfunctioned and third, that the above equipment was incorrectly operated."

Williams said that in the event of the first reason, they would accept the disqualification without question.

DETAILS

BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX: Revised results: 1, G Berger (Austria) Ferrari, 1hr 38mn 44.151sec (av speed 114.984-mph); 2, M Hakkinen (Fin) McLaren-Mercedes, 6.844sec behind; 3, J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari, 50.517sec behind; 4, M Blundell (GB) McLaren-Mercedes, 1min 0.309sec behind; 5, M Salo (Fin) Tyrrell-Yamaha, 1 lap behind; 6, A Suzuki (Japan) Ligier-Mugen Honda, 1 lap behind; 7, A Montermini (It) Pacific-Lotus-Ford, 5 laps behind; 8, P Diniz (Br) Forti-Ford, 6 laps behind.

M Schumacher (Ger, Benetton-Renault) and D Coulthard (GB, Williams-Renault) finished first and second but were disqualified for contravening fuel regulations.

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, Berger 10pts; 2, Hakkinen 6; 3, Alesi 4; 4, Blundell 3; 5, Salo 2; 6, Suzuki 1. Constructors: 1, Ferrari 14pts; 2, McLaren 9; 3, Tyrrell 2; 4, Ligier 1.

DAVE DYSON



Coulthard, above, with his girlfriend, Andrea Murray, arrives at Heathrow yesterday having heard of his disqualification on the flight from Brazil; and Berger, below, celebrates belatedly with the Ferrari team in São Paulo



Rise to top marked by lengthy catalogue of incident

FROM OLIVER HOLT

THE controversies that have assailed the Benetton team in the past two days surrounding the disqualification of Michael Schumacher after the Brazilian Grand Prix and the German driver's unexplained weight changes are just the latest high-profile furores to affect the team in an unprecedently traumatic 12 months.

The controversy has been accompanied by outstanding success, with Schumacher winning the world championship last year by a single point from Damon Hill and the team finishing as runners-up to Williams in the constructors' championship after a relatively short time in the sport.

The success has come at a price. Some have suggested that the penalties and allegations visited upon them have been a result of their quick rise to success and the jealousy of the more established and more powerful players in Formula One who resent their brash and iconoclastic approach to the sport.

Whatever the reasons, the team has been a magnet to headlines. After a dream start to last season when Schumacher won the first four races, things started to go wrong at Silverstone when he ignored a black flag waved at him for overtaking Hill on the formation lap.

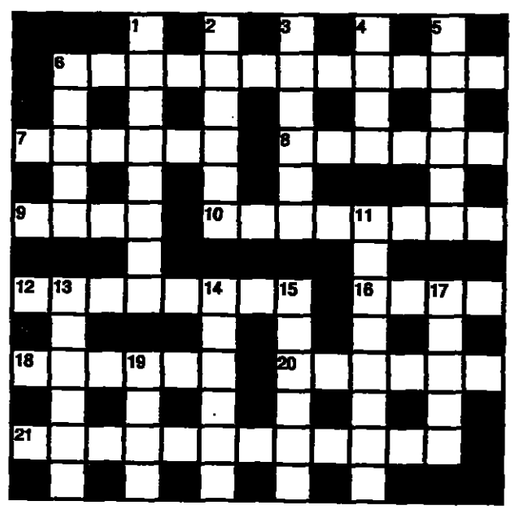
The team was later fined $333,333 for the indiscretion and Schumacher was docked the six points he gained for his second place in the race.

By then allegations that the team had electronic devices fitted to the car had already surfaced — which were later dismissed. At the German Grand Prix in July, one of their cars, driven by Jos Verstappen, was engulfed by flames in a fuel fire. That was later blamed on a junior member.

Schumacher was disqualified from the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa in August after the plank on the underside of his car was found to be too shallow and was banned for two more races as a result of his indiscretion at Silverstone.

The season ended with the final note of controversy when he crashed with his title rival Hill in the Australian Grand Prix on the street circuit at Adelaide.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 431

ACROSS

6 Care absolutely nothing (3,4,1,4)
7 Separate (grain from chaff) (6)
8 Beginning (6)
9 Animal; carry (4)
10 Aggressive businessman (2-6)
12 Car repair works (4,4)
16 Open; reverse (4)
18 Jewelled circlet (6)
20 City dormitory area (6)
21 Whirligig (5-2-5)

DOWN

1 Flatfish, poisonous spined tail (8)
2 Important person (6)
3 Have a place; be part (6)
4 Note, memo; young girl (4)
5 Cartoon sailor (6)
6 Unwanted sound (5)
11 Signal of approval (6,2)
13 Dickens boy, wanted more (6)
14 Offer of respect, allegiance (6)
15 Dough for tarts etc (6)
17 Took a risk (5)
19 Sombre (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 430

ACROSS: 1 Go for broke 7 Emerald 8 Polis 10 Stephen 11 Anjou 12 Aghast 15 Player 17 Zebra 18 Endowed 21 Rated 22 Dead Sea 23 Sell-by date

DOWN: 1 Glebe 2 Flash 3 Rodent 4 Raphael 5 Killjoy 6 Belshazzar 9 Square deal 13 Habitué 14 Scandal 16 Heyday 19 Drama 20 Waste

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England decide Back fits into World Cup picture

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH rugby union's great back-row debate took another twist yesterday when Neil Back — in many ways the most contentious figure in the domestic game, though for the best of reasons — was selected in the World Cup squad of 26. The Leicester flanker will go to South Africa in May alongside Richard West, the Gloucester lock, who, at the start of this season, was a rank outsider for the tournament.

The composition of the England squad is based on the players who have been together since the tour to South Africa last summer. Indeed two of the nine Bath players named, Steve Ojomoh and John Mallett, are included largely for what they achieved on that tour rather than anything they have accomplished since. But Paul Hull's star continues to wane. Hull, the Bristol full back who came to prominence in South Africa, has been overlooked because of the need for a proven goalkicker.

The 21 players who contributed to the grand-slam campaign have been chosen *en bloc*, along with Back, Ian Hunter and the three uncapped players, Damien Hopley, Mallett and West. Of that trio West, 24 last week, is the substantial gamble because of his limited representative experience.

Jack Rowell, the England manager, acknowledged that the third locking position would have gone to Simon Shaw, of Bristol, but for his knee injury. Nigel Redman, whose competitive zeal served England so well during 1994, has been overlooked in the search for cover in the middle of the lineout.

West, from Ledbury, who won the first of his under-21 caps against Holland in 1991 before joining Gloucester, won his first A cap only this month, against Natal. His impressive physical dimensions — 6ft 10in and 20st — won him the vote as deputy to the equally substantial Martin Bayfield. "It's brilliant news," West said. "I trembled when I picked up the 'phone."

Back's selection was the ideal pick-me-up after a bout of influenza. "At the end of last week I was at an all-time low, I did not know whether it was worth carrying on." Back, who played for England A in Durban on March 18, said. "It hit home that I might be doing all this work and be denied a further opportunity. South Africa suited me . . . If you are good enough in their perfect conditions, you can control the game."

His selection is a triumph for skill and speed over brawn and should be thoroughly justified, if England fulfil their manager's expectations. "This year England have taken a major stride forward in how to play the game," Rowell said. "There are still opportunities to spread the ball wider, more systematically, and use the outside three [both wings and full back] and Jerry Guscott more regularly."

Jonathan Callard provides goalkicking support for Andrew, while Hunter, whose goalkicking is not negligible, can also play full back but is more likely to be used as a wing. He receives one of the utility berths which might have gone to Hull whose omission Rowell described as "sensitive" — as difficult a decision as that involving Redman and another of Rowell's lieutenants at Bath, John Hall.

England will meet regularly at Marlow before leaving on May 17 for a tournament in which another new national jersey will be unveiled. Despite vehement protests to the contrary, the Rugby Football Union may be perceived as cashing in on the replica-shirt market like their football counterparts, this being their third change since the departure from the familiar all-white strip in 1991.

SQUAD

Backs: J Callard (Bath), M Catt (Bath), I Hunter (Northampton), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF), T Underwood (Leicester), W Carling (Harlequins, captain), P de Glanville (Bath), J Guscott (Bath), D Hopley (Wasps), R Andrew (Wasps), K Bracken (Bristol), D Morris (Orrell). Forwards: J Leonard (Harlequins), J Mallett (Bath), G Rowntree (Leicester), V Ubogu (Bath), G Dawe (Bath), B Moore (Harlequins), M Bayfield (Northampton), M Johnson (Leicester), R West (Gloucester), N Back (Leicester), B Clarke (Bath), S Ojomoh (Bath), D Richards (Leicester), T Rodber (Northampton/Army). Manager/coach: J Rowell Assistant coach: I Cusworth.



West: rapid advance

World Cup dismissal for card system

BY MARK SOUSTER

RED and yellow disciplinary cards introduced as an experiment for the five nations' championship this season, will almost certainly not be used at the Rugby World Cup this summer. A final decision will be taken next Monday but according to Brian Skirrow, the tournament co-ordinator, "it is not anticipated that they will be used".

The cards were introduced mainly to make the game more accessible for spectators and television viewers to allow a better understanding of referees' decisions. Doubts about their value were expressed by, among others, the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU), which believes them to be superfluous. Whether the football-style cards will be retained for the five nations' next season remains to be seen.

Three players were penalised this year, all for stamping. John Davies, of Wales, was given a red card playing against England, while Peter Wright, of Scotland, and Ben Clarke, of England, were each shown the yellow card.

The SRU is also keen to see a uniform interpretation of the rucking law worldwide. It feels a Scottish or southern hemisphere refereewould not have punished Wright in the same circumstances.

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